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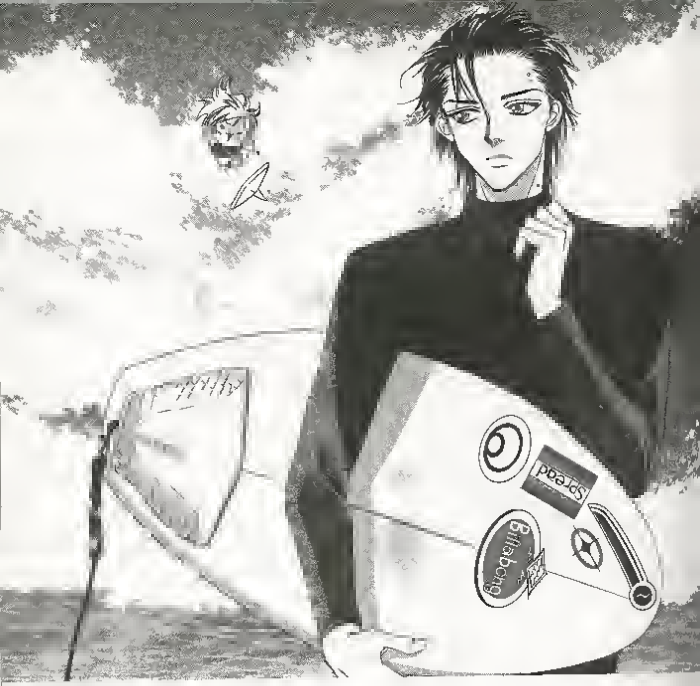

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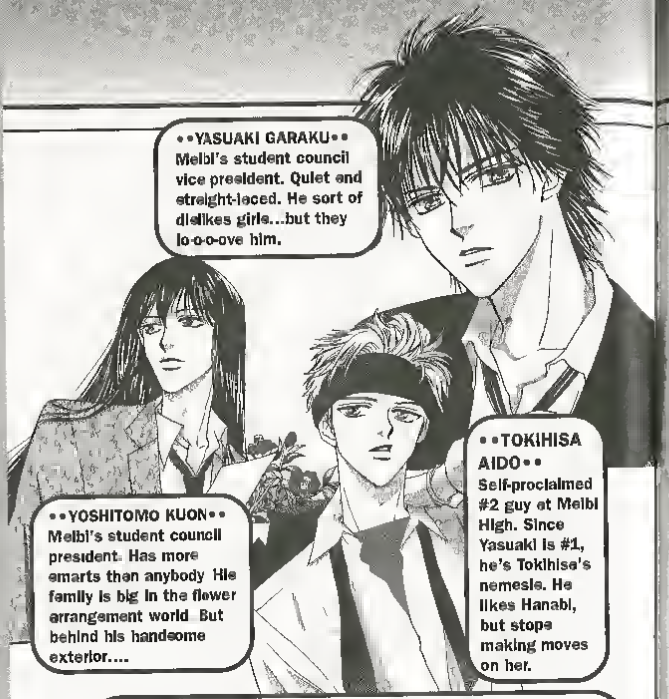

••YASUAKI GARAKU••
Meibi's student council vice president. Quiet and straight-laced. He sort of dislikes girls...but they lo-o-o-ove him.

••YOSHITOMO KUON••
Meibi's student council president. Has more smarts than anybody. His family is big in the flower arrangement world. But behind his handsome exterior....

••TOKIHISA AIDO••
Self-proclaimed #2 guy at Meibi High. Since Yasuaki is #1, he's Tokihisa's nemesis. He likes Hanabi, but stops making moves on her.

•••STORY•••

Earlier, an ordinary all-girls school merged with Meibi High, a very elite all-boys school. Hanabi, a popular tomboy, is the girls' rep on a student council full of hot guys. To her surprise, she starts dating Yasuaki, who seems cold but is actually very nice! They get past a terrible first meeting, near-expulsion from school, Tokihisa's love for Hanabi...and their first make out session. It's true love, but weird stuff always happens between them....

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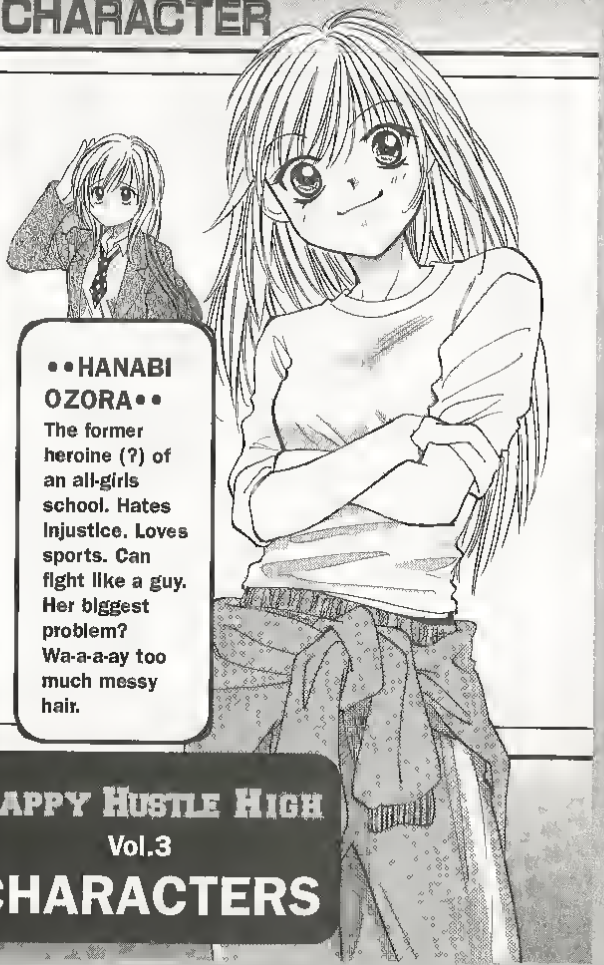

••HANABI OZORA••
The former heroine (?) of an all-girls school. Hates injustice. Loves sports. Can fight like a guy. Her biggest problem? Wa-a-a-ay too much messy hair.

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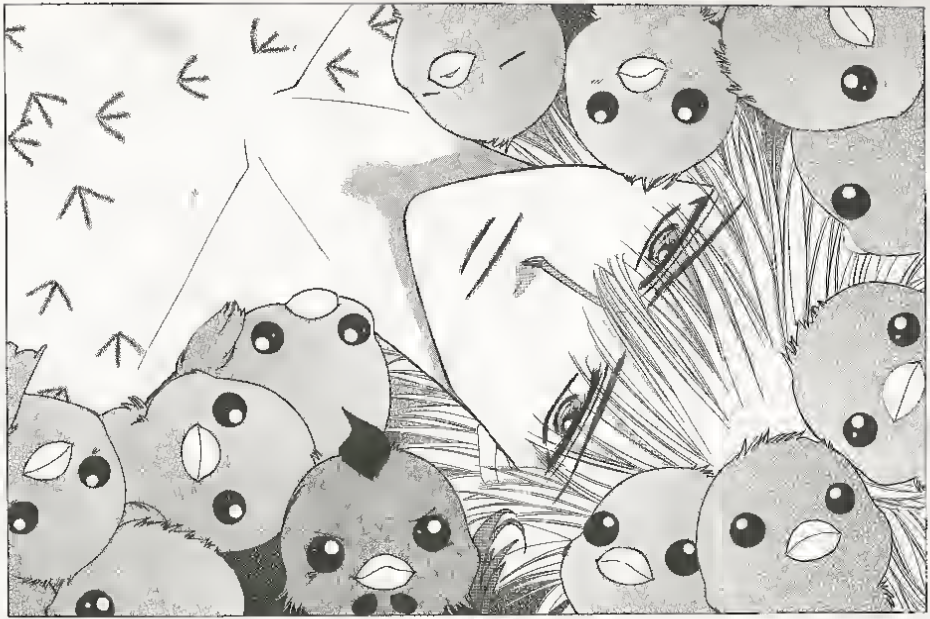


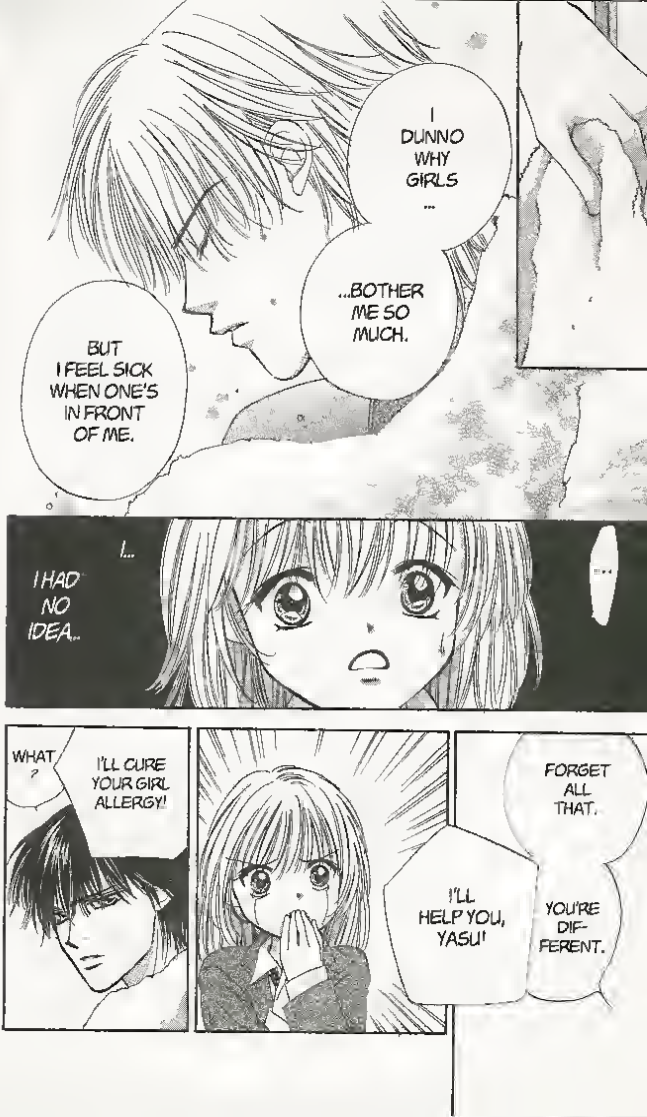
I'VE NEVER HEARD A HEART-BEAT NEXT TO MINE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE DID THAT.
Just first and second base, but still ...
NOW I HAVE TWO THINGS ON MY MIND.
BLUSH

ONE IS...
WILL YASU ...
..HOLD ME LIKE THAT AGAIN?
THE OTHER IS..
I'M COLD.
SEE?
CHILL
WHAT OTHER THING?
NICE SURPRISE. YOU USUALLY DON'T WAIT FOR ME.
HI!
AREN'T YOU FREEZIN' ?

SO! YOU'RE OVER YOUR GIRL PROBLEM!
WHAT?
WELL, WE ARE DATING...
AND YOU TOUCHED MY FACE..
...AND UH, DID OTHER STUFF AT MY HOUSE..
OTHER STUFF?
OH.
I STILL DON'T LIKE GIRLS.
WHAT?
GIRL!

A CHICK?
YOU WEREN'T A CHICK WHEN WE MET.
IT'S STRANGE I'M ONLY OKAY AROUND YOU.
JUST HOW DID YOU SEE ME?
WAIT...
YOU'RE KIDDING!
..AND TOTALLY CLAM UP.
WHEN I TALK TO GIRLS, I SEE A CHICK STANDING THERE...
I SAW A GAME FOWL.
IF HE SAW AN ANGEL... I'LL BE SO-O-O EMBARRASSED...
AM I THE FIRST GIRL HE'S REALLY SEEN?

GAME FOWL: STURDY BUILD, VIOLENT TEMPER, RELATED TO THE CHICKEN


I DUNNO WHY GIRLS ...
...BOTHER ME SO MUCH.
BUT I FEEL SICK WHEN ONE'S IN FRONT OF ME.
I... I HAD NO IDEA...
...
FORGET ALL THAT.
YOU'RE DIF-FERENT.
I'LL HELP YOU, YASU!
WHAT?
I'LL CURE YOUR GIRL ALLERGY!

LADY-KILLER

I'M YOUR GIRL-FRIEND!

I GOTTA DO SOMETHING! AND WHEN I'M DONE..

YOU'LL GREET ME WITH A KISS!

YOU'LL WANNA HUG ME THREE TIMES A DAY!

I'LL HELP YOU CHANGE, YASUAKI!

WHAT?

UH, NOTHIN' KOFF!

KOFF KOFF

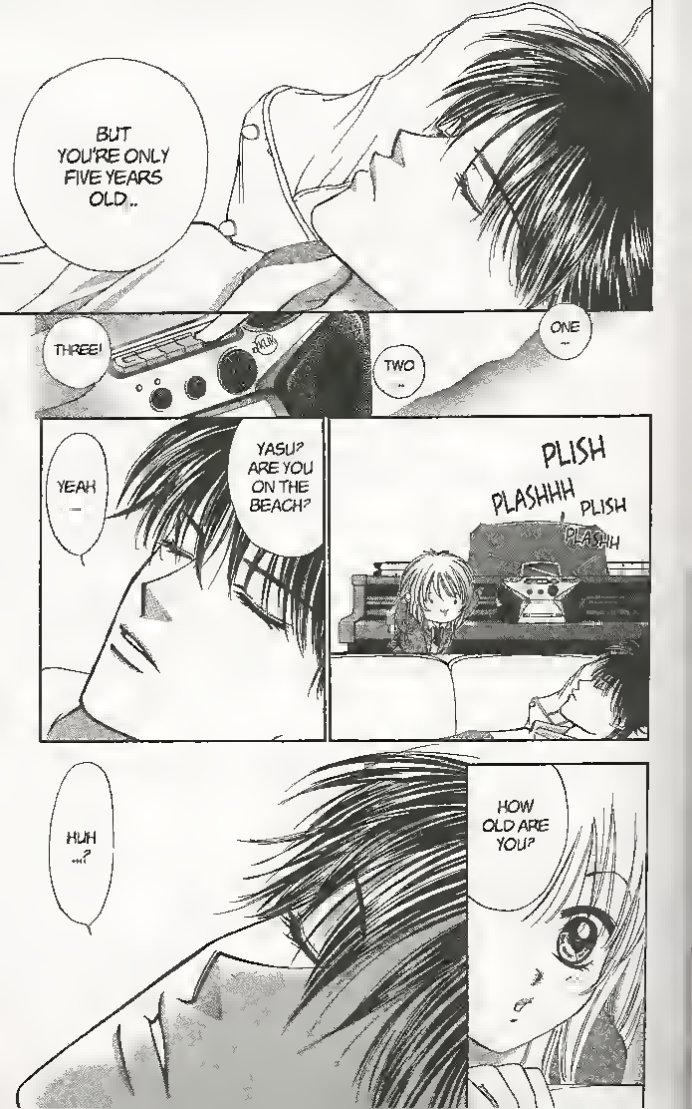
C'MON! C'MON!
DON'T WORRY! YOU'LL BE CURED SOON!
TUG
HANA-BI.
I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T LIKE YOU.
I KNOW.
BUT ATTENDING A CO-ED SCHOOL MUST BE TOUGH!
BEAM
WE'RE HERE! MY OLD PRE-SCHOOL.
Heh!
YOU DON'T REALLY HATE GIRLS, YASU.
BECAUSE YOU SAY THE SWEETEST THINGS!
YOU JUST HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND GIRLS.

WADAH
YOU MUST REMEMBER ME FROM WHEN I TOOK PIANO LESSONS HERE!
HANABI! WHAT A SUR-PRISE!
YOU CAN START WITH LITTLE GIRLS...
PRE-SCHOOL
NICE TO SEE YOU.
I, uh, need a favor...
YEEK
BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM
SOB
SHREEK
I GO PEE PEE!
OOOF!
GOO GOO
GAA GAA

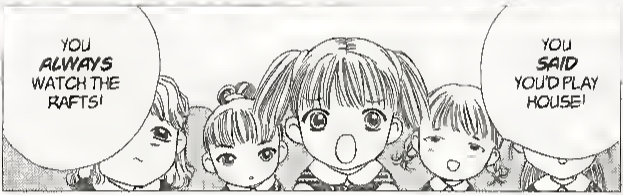
HUH?
AAAAAAAH!
YASU!
HUH?
SLIIDE
EEK
EEK
EEK
EEK
GROAN
UNBELIEV-ABLE!
WAAAH
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
GASP!
GASP
GAAAASP

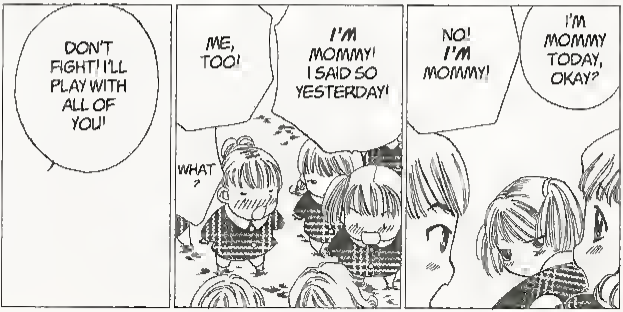
I KNEW HE HATED BIG GIRLS, BUT LITTLE GIRLS, TOO?
Yasu is usually so cool...
HIS PROBLEM'S WAY WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!
DEFINITELY.
SOMETHING MESSED UP HIS MIND.
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE FIVE-YEN PIECE...
YASU...

HYPNOTHERAPY! I WANNA FIND THE ROOT OF YOUR GIRL-HATING.
WHAT IS THIS?
Night.
GO TO SLEEP IF YOU WANNA...
Good night.
I'LL SEARCH YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MEMORY.
WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.
WHEN I SAY THREE, YOU'RE ON THE BEACH.
LISTEN TO MY VOICE!
YOU'RE INTER-RUPTIN' MY NAP, YA KNOW.
NOW! YASUAKI GARAKU, OPEN UP TO ME!
RECALL MEMORIES DEEP IN YOUR SOUL!


BUT YOU'RE ONLY FIVE YEARS OLD..
THREE!
TWO ..
ONE ..
YEAH ..
YASU? ARE YOU ON THE BEACH?
PLISH
PLASHHH
PLISH
PLASHH
HUH ...?
HOW OLD ARE YOU?

YASUAKI!
YASU AKI!

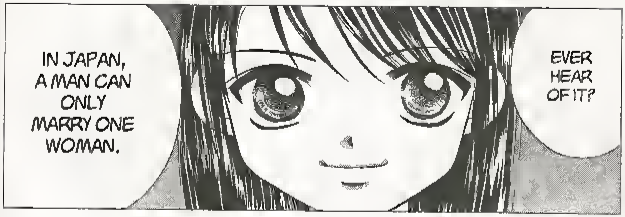

YOU ALWAYS WATCH THE RAFTS!
YOU SAID YOU'D PLAY HOUSE!


DON'T FIGHT! I'LL PLAY WITH ALL OF YOU!
ME, TOO!
I'M MOMMY! I SAID SO YESTERDAY!
WHAT?
NO! I'M MOMMY!
I'M MOMMY TODAY, OKAY?

TAEKO, TOMOMI, RINA, KIKUKO, AND MARINA. YOU CAN TAKE TURNS AS MY WIFE.
SATSUKI, AI, TOMOMI, MARIKO, SAYA, HARUMI, KAORI, YUKI...
SIGH!
STAY IN BOUNDS OR YOU CAN'T PLAY HOUSE.
YOU'RE A DOGGIE, TOKIHISA!
HEY! DOGGIES AREN'T ALLOWED HERE!
I LOOKED AT THE SUN FOR 35 MINUTES! CAN YOU?
WOOF WOOF!
GOOD BOY! GOOD DOGGIE!

FIVE YEARS
HOW LONG CAN YOU LOOK AT THE SUN?
I AIN'T LOSIN' THIS!
POOP!
FOR YOU.
YASU-AKI?
TINKLE TINKLE TINKLE

THANKS.
THAT KID KEEPS STALKING YASU.
HE'S NEW, RIGHT?
HEY, YOU! QUIT HOGGIN' YASU!
YEAH! HE BELONGS TO EVERY-BODY!
YASU'S OUR PRINCE!
YOU GOT SOME NERVE, UGLY!
JRKKK
MONO-GAMY.
DUH???


IN JAPAN, A MAN CAN ONLY MARRY ONE WOMAN.
EVER HEAR OF IT?

JUST ONE GIRL CAN BE HIS WIFE.
YASUAKI CAN'T BE EVERY-BODY'S.

JUST ONE GIRL...
OW! MY EYEBALLS ARE ON FIRE!
WHOEVER CHASES THE OTHERS AWAY.

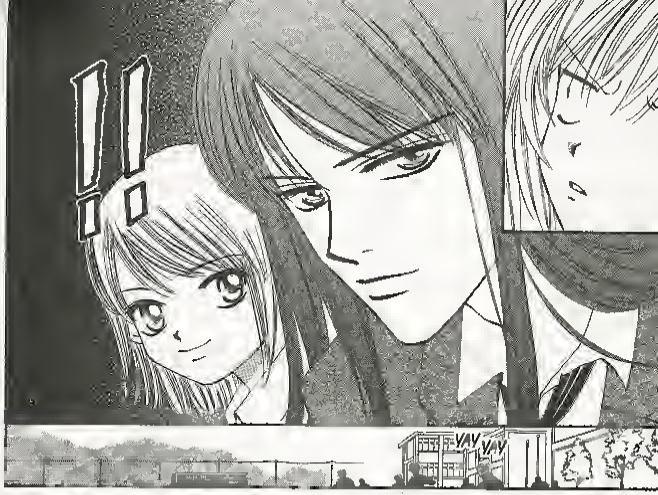
WHOEVER CHASES THE OTHERS AWAY...
JUST ONE GIRL CAN MARRY YASU.
BACK OFF!
HE'S MINE!
HE'S MINE!!
WHAT? HE'S MINE!!
HEY!
YASUAKI'S MINE!
GRABB
!!

STOP! ENOUGH ALREADY!
SQUEEEL
EEK EEK
MEEEO-WWW
SHREEEK
LEGGO OF HIM!
C'MON!
YEAH! PICK SOME-BODY!
FINE! THEN PICK SOMEBODY, YASU!
I CAN'T.
BANNER: THE GET ALONG CHICKS
WHAM
WHAT A WUSS!
SQUEEEL

OWWW!
THUNK
SHREEEK
THUD!
WHAT THE...?
I SAID HE'S MINE!
SHUT UP, MISS WET-THE-BED!
MEEOWWW!

UGLY PUSS!
STUPID UGLY PUSS!
SQUEEZ!
YOU'RE SO-O-O CUTE AROUND YASU!
BUT I SAW YOU KICK A CAT!
GASP!
GASP!
STOP!
UH
UHHHH
I CAN'T PICK ANYBODY!

I CAN'T CURE HIM.
IT'S NO USE.
AAGHH!
HELP ME-E-E-E ..
You scared me!
YOSHI-TOMO!
BEEN HERE LONG?
OKAY, YASUAKI! ON THE COUNT OF THREE, WAKE UP.
THE FLOWER KID SHOULDA KEPT QUIET ..
POOR THING, HAVING TO GO THROUGH THAT!
DON'T TELL YASUAKI WHAT YOU HEARD, OKAY?
HANABI ..
EEP!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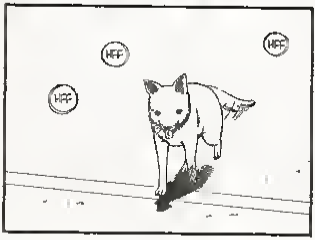
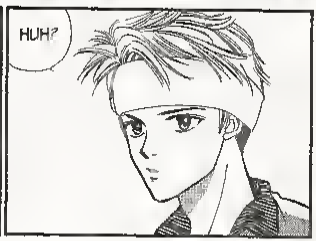
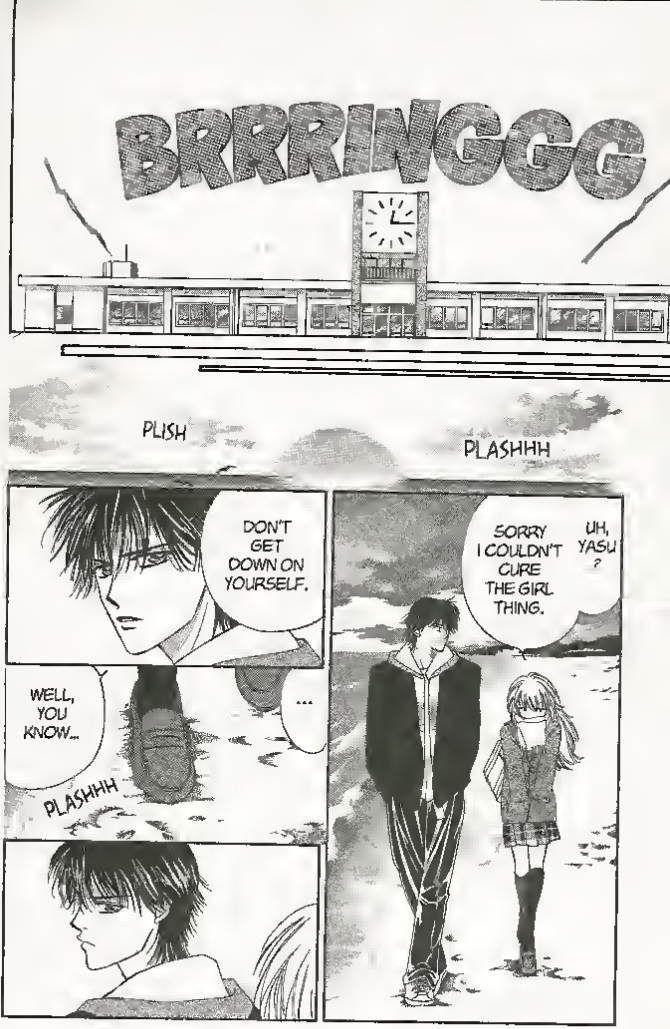
YAY
YAY

OKAY! NOW SHOOT FROM THE INSIDE...


HEE
HEE
HEE


HUH?

IN MY PAST LIFE, I WAS DEFINITELY A POOCH...
I LOVE DOGGIES!
SLURP SLURRP SLURRRP.
Good dog! Good dog!
WHAT'S UP, BOY? WANNA PLAY SOCCER?
A STRAY DOGGIE!
WHAT A NIGHT-MARE..
UGH!
NOD NOD NOD
YOU'LL CATCH COLD NAPPING HERE.
IS THAT SO?
KIDS NEVER REALLY FORGET ANYTHING.
HEH HEH

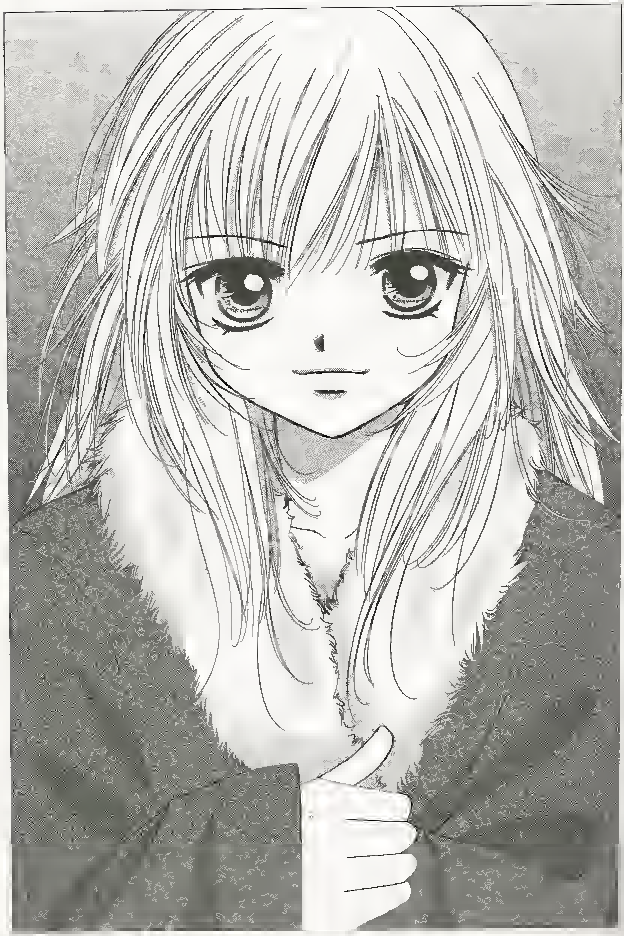

BRRRINGGG
PLISH
PLASHHH
DON'T GET DOWN ON YOURSELF.
WELL, YOU KNOW...
...
PLASHHH
SORRY I COULDN'T CURE THE GIRL THING.
UH, YASU?

OUCH !
CLUNG?
LEMME JUST SAY THIS...
?
I'M NOT SO HOT WITH OTHER GIRLS, BUT I DO LIKE YOU.
I SEE YOU AS A GIRL...
GRINN
A REALLY CUTE ONE.

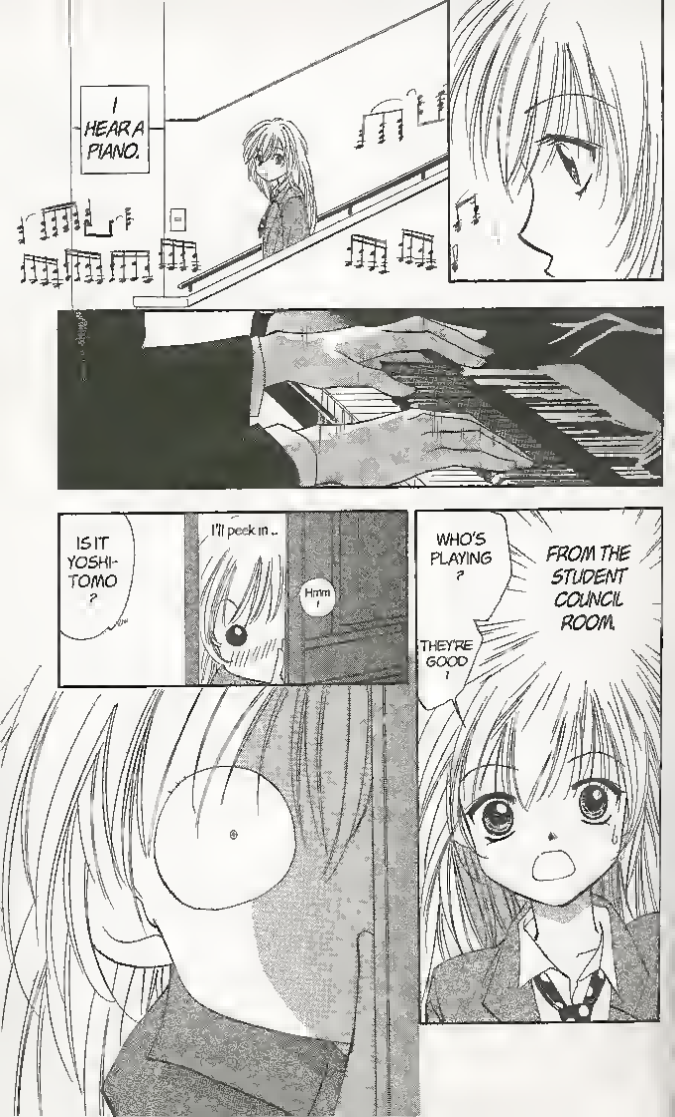
BLUSH
Now I'm embarrassed
BLUSH
YASUAKI
...
SQUEEEZE

HUH?
CIAO! LATER!
YAY!
TK TK
TK TK
Woo hoo!
YEAH! HE'S INTO ME!
!?
HANABI
HE CAN'T HELP IT. I'LL JUST BE PATIENT..
STUPID GIRL ALLERGY. I WANT HIM TO HOLD ME!
BUT YOU GOT ME ALL WRONG.
I DEFINITELY SUCK WITH GIRLS..

HAPPY
HUSTL
HIGH



PARENT CONFERENCES
PARENT CONFER-ENCES? SIGH!
DAD'S WORKING OVER-SEAS
I'LL HAFTA ASK MOM.
OH, WELL...


I HEAR A PIANO.
FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM.
WHO'S PLAYING ?
THEY'RE GOOD !
I'll peek in ..
Hmm !
IS IT YOSHI-TOMO ?

YASU
?
GASP
NO..
...WAY!
I NEVER KNEW THAT!
YASU PLAYS PIANO ?

HEY, I KNOW THIS PIECE!
CHOPIN'S MAYON-NAISE!
I MEAN, POLO-NAISE.
He's so good!
WELL, HIS DAD IS A CONDUCTOR.
HIS BROTHERS ARE MUSICIANS.
Makes sense he plays piano.
HE IS SO COOL!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

YOU'RE SO COOL, YASU!
I was listening!
THAT WAS AWESOME!
I TOOK PIANO, TOO! REMEMBER?
BUT I SPENT SIX YEARS JUST ON BEYER!
You're incredible
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE PRACTICING.
ALP
YOU'RE SO GOOD!
I NEVER KNEW YOU PLAYED!
WARN ME NEXT TIME, OKAY?
CLAK
BEYER
Burg
CZERNY
Sonatinas
A BOOK FOR EACH PIANIST.
Amazing!
...ALL BY AGE TEN.
AT MY HOUSE, YOU HAD TO PLAY BEYER, BURGMULLER, AND CZERNY

IF I WANNA SURF...
PRAC-TICE?
PRACTICE IS OVER.
PLAY AGAIN!
I WAS PRACTIC-ING A PIECE.
MY DAD'S COMING FOR CONFER-ENCES.
I PROMISED HIM SOME-THING.
I HAFTA PASS HIS PIANO TEST ...
...WHENEVER HE COMES HOME.
SO THIS TEST IS PRETTY CRUCIAL.
DEAD SERIOUS
THAT'S THE DEAL.
YOU CAN'T SURF UNLESS YOU PASS?

I STARTED TO HATE PLAYING. SO I QUIT.
MY DAD TEACHES HIS WAY
HIS NAGGING DROVE ME NUTS.
NOT REALLY, I DON'T HATE PIANO
WHAT A HASSLE!
What a waste!
Really?
BUT YOU STILL QUIT?
OH...
GEE...
SO WE CAN'T HAVE DINNER TONIGHT?
NOPE.
WE'RE STAYING AT SOME RITZY HOTEL WITH A GROOVY GRAND PIANO.
THE TEST IS THIS WEEKEND.
HE'S COMING FROM LONDON TONIGHT.
ALL FOR A PIANO TEST.

MYSTERY
ONE HAPPY FAMILY AGAIN!
HOW NICE!
YASU'S FROM A RICH FAMILY.
I KEEP FORGET-TING THAT.

SORRY I'M GOING CLUBBING.
I'M BROKE.
HEY! WANNA GRAB DINNER LATER?
I HAVE A DATE.
HOW 'BOUT TOMOR-ROW?
NAH
SHOOT! EVERY-BODY'S BOOKED UP?
YOU GOT TONS OF FRIENDS! WON'T SOMEBODY TREAT YOU?
I'M NOT BUMMING A MEAL, OKAY?
IT FIGURES I CAN'T REACH DAD.
HE IS IN IRAQ..

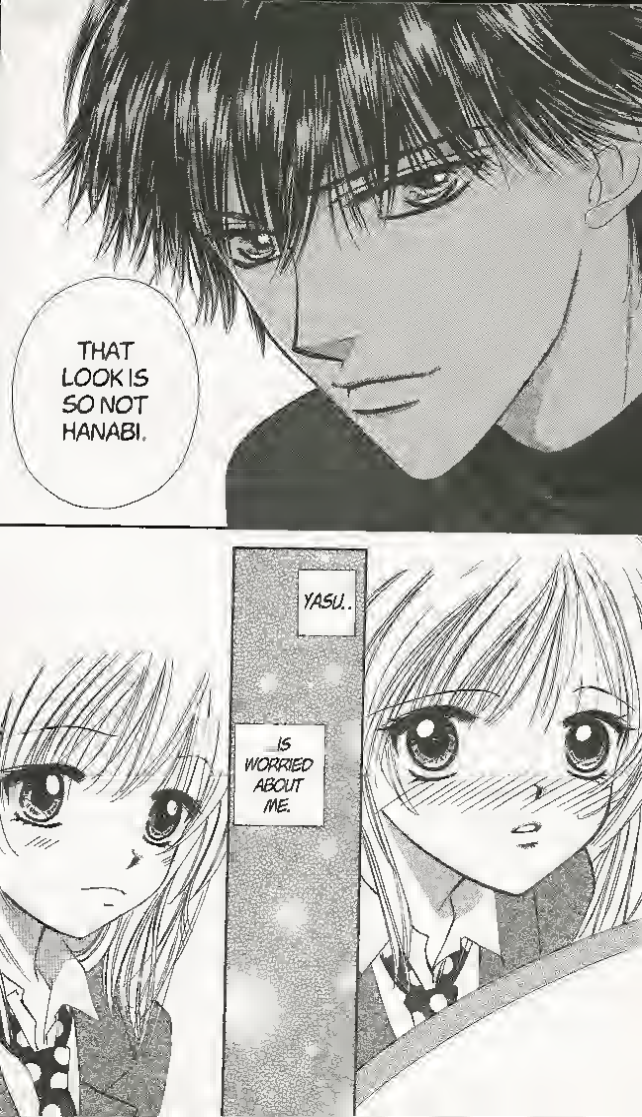
A PARENT CONFERENCE?
YEAH.
BIG SIGH! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
See ya! Bye!
DING DING DING DONGGG
SIGH!
Vice Preside
OW!
FLIK
YOUR GRADES SUCK AND THE FOLKS DON'T KNOW, EH?
SO!
SOCK
WRONG!
YOU SHOULD STILL ASK.
C'MON
HUH?
. HARD TO ASK HER STUFF.
SINCE MY MOM RE-MARRIED IT'S ..

YASU...
I'LL GO WITH YOU, OKAY?
HANA! WHAT A SURPRISE! WHAT'S UP?
LET'S GET GOING.
WAIT HERE! I'LL HURRY AND TELL HER.
OH.

I WON A CONTEST AT THE MALL.
YEP! TO THE HOT SPRINGS!
YAY!
NEED SOMETHING?
HEADING OUT?
I'LL GO AHEAD.
"OW"
JUST THOUGHT I'D STOP BY.
UH..
BUT IF YOU'RE LEAVING...
CRUSH!
SEE YA.
HUH? HANA?

PLOP
TRASH
OH! IS HE YOUR BOY-FRIEND? ♥
WAIT.
MY MOM IS, UH...
..REALLY NICE AND ALL...
..BUT ALSO KINDA FLAKY.
WZZZZ
I'LL JUST TELL MY TEACHER.
IT'S FINE.
THANKS FOR COMING.
NOW LEAVE, YASU! YOU HAVE A TEST TO PASS!
Please!

GRASP
C'MON!
HUH?
NO WAY! SURFING IN THIS COLD?
I'LL RENT A WETSUIT FOR YOU.
YASU! WHERE ARE YOU-?
SHOULDN'T YOU...?
THUNK
JUST C'MON! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!
NO, THANKS! I'M NOT THAT GONZO!
I JUST ABOUT DROWNED ONCE, REMEMBER?
NOT FOR ANOTHER HOUR.


THAT LOOK IS SO NOT HANABI.
YASU..
IS WORRIED ABOUT ME.

OZORA STYLE!
RELAX! I WEAR SHORTS UNDER MY SKIRT! THEY WON'T SEE A THING!
PEEKABOO
TK TK TK
OKAY, I'LL GO IN LIKE THIS.
CHANGING SUCKS!
WHAT?
THE WATER'S LIKE ICE!
BUT, HANABI!
IN YOUR UNIFORM? THAT'S CRAZY!
SPLASHH
EEEP!
THIS AIN'T C-C-COLD!
YOU CALL THIS C-C-COLD?
Brrr

SHE'S LYING
PLASHH
WHOA!
WHOA!
HUH?
?

NO WAY!
LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD!
EEEK!

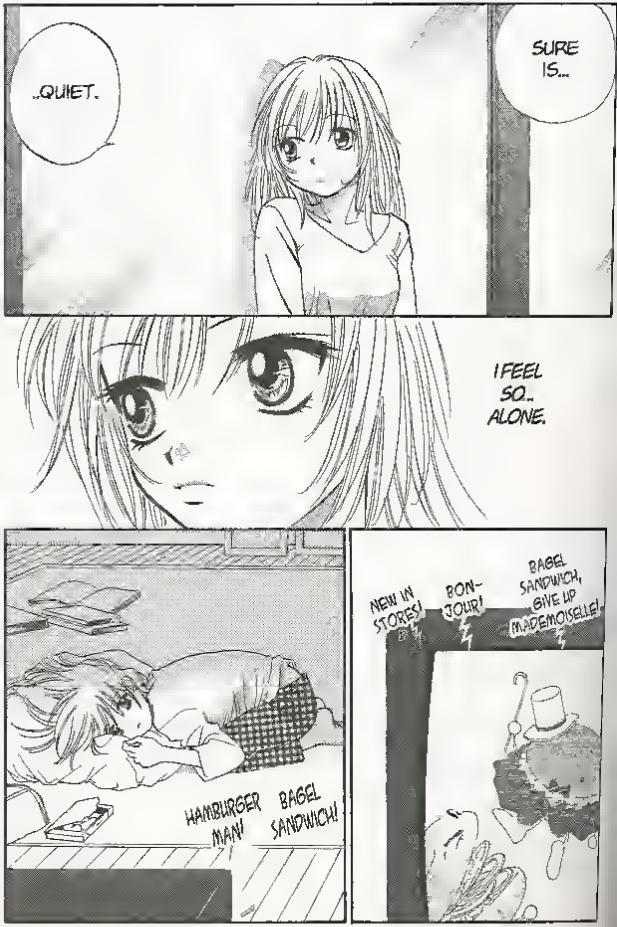
I FEEL LIKE A SEA GODDESS!
AWE-SOME!
WOW!
WOW! WOW!
AMAZING!
I'M REALLY, REALLY SURFING!
EEEK!
!

BRRR CHATTER CHATTER
S-S-SURFING'S S-S-SO AWESOME!
YOU'RE BONKERS, YA KNOW.
Blue lips and all.
BEAM
SEE MY FACE!
FEEL BETTER ?
!
DAMN! GOTTA GO!

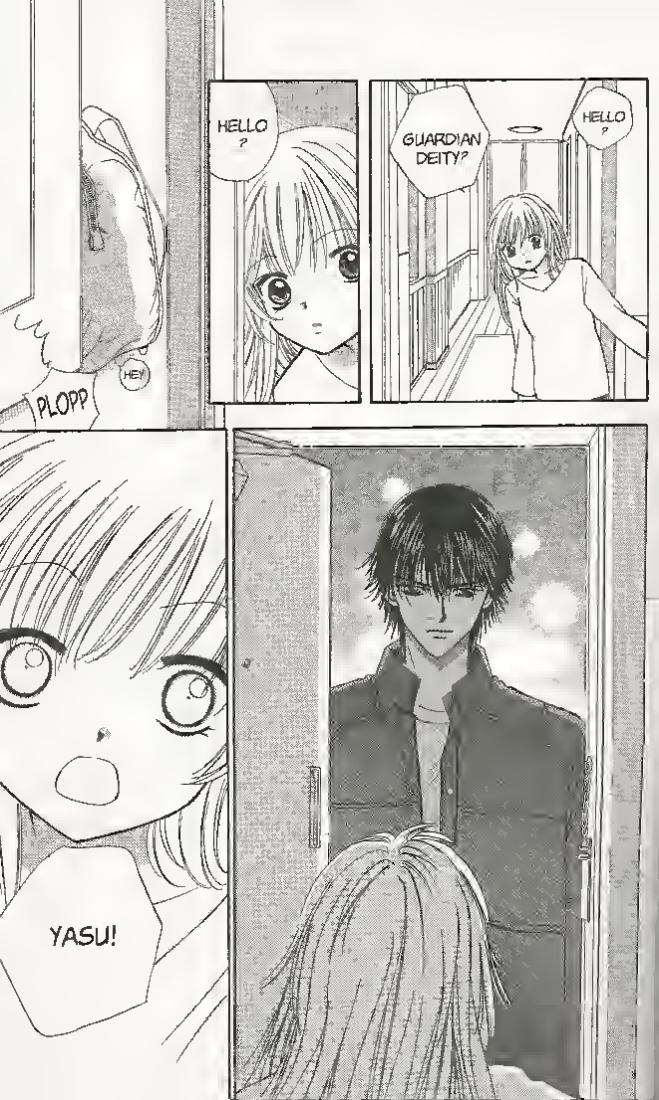
PLASHH

AND GOOD LUCK!
THANKS.
CLUTCH
YEAH, SCOOT! HURRY! GO!
THANKS, YASU!
THANKS FOR BEING THERE.
I'M SO GLAD YOU WERE...

BETTER HURRY OR DAD WILL BLOW UP.
OKAY...I'M LEAVING NOW.
SNOW!
THAT'S WHY IT'S SO COLD.
SLURRP
WILL IT PILE UP?

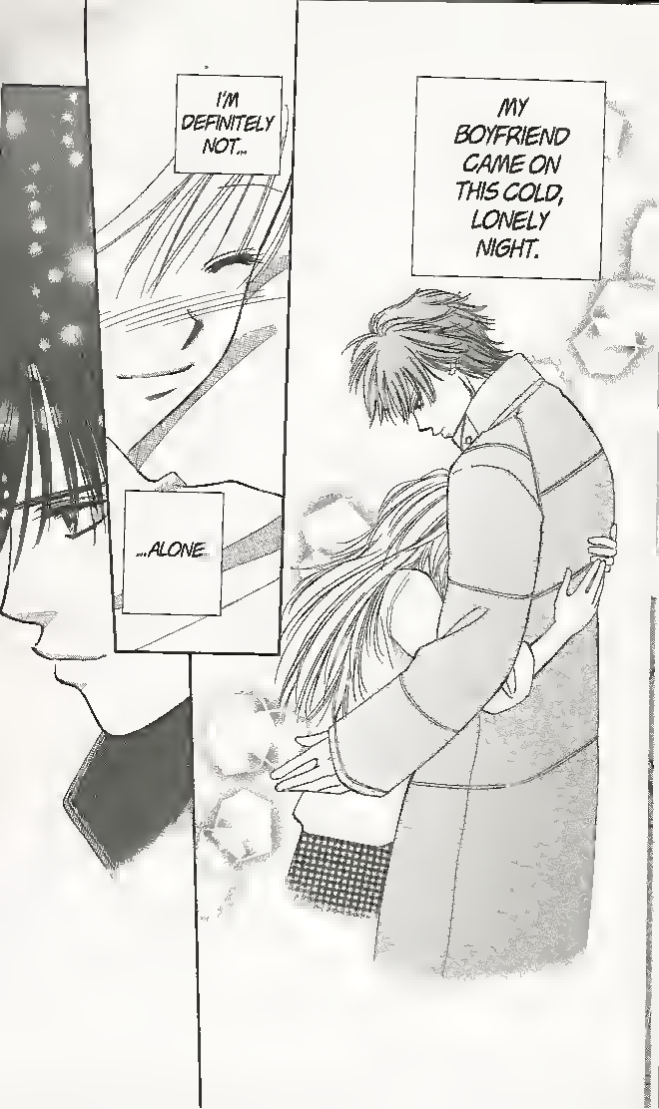

..QUIET.
SURE IS...
I FEEL SO.. ALONE.
HAMBURGER MAN!
BAGEL SANDWICH!
NEW IN STORES!
BON-JOUR!
BAGEL SANDWICH, GIVE UP MADEMOISELLE!

WHY DO I SUDDENLY FEEL LONELY?
BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE.
GUARDIAN DEITY IN A BAMBOO HAT.
TALES OF OLD JAPAN
GASP
DING DONG
GUARDIAN DEITY NEEDS A HAT IN THIS SNOW...
LONG, LONG AGO...
CREEEAK


HELLO ?
GUARDIAN DEITY?
HELLO ?
PLOPP
HEY
YASU!

I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.

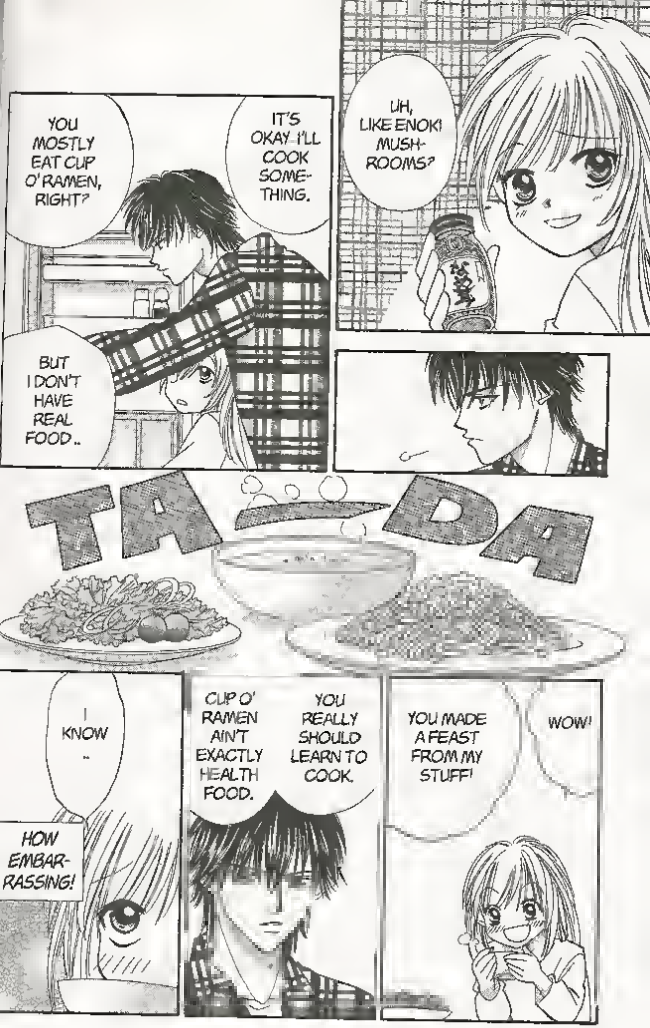
YASU
!

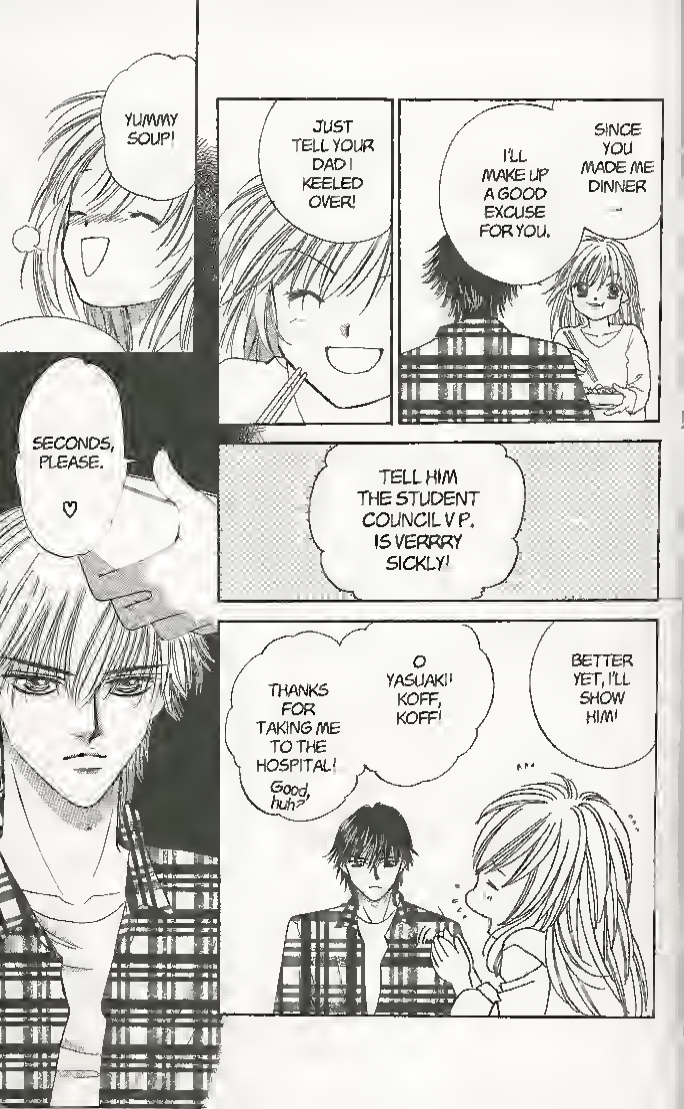

I'M DEFINITELY NOT...
...ALONE.
MY BOYFRIEND CAME ON THIS COLD, LONELY NIGHT.

PLOPP
HEY! IT'S LATE! WHAT ABOUT YOUR TEST?
THAT DEAL WITH YOUR DAD IS IMPORTANT!
I'M STAYING HERE TONIGHT.
YEAH, BUT...
HE JUST SAID HE'S-?
FOR REAL?

..IS A REALLY BIG DEAL!
...EVEN THOUGH HIS TEST...
HE'S HERE..
TELL YOU TOMOR-ROW.
SOME-THING CAME UP.
CAN'T MAKE IT TONIGHT.
WAAH!
GREAT!
WILL HE POST-PONE YOUR TEST?
YEAH.
OKAY, SEE YOU IN THE MORNING. BYE.
BEEP

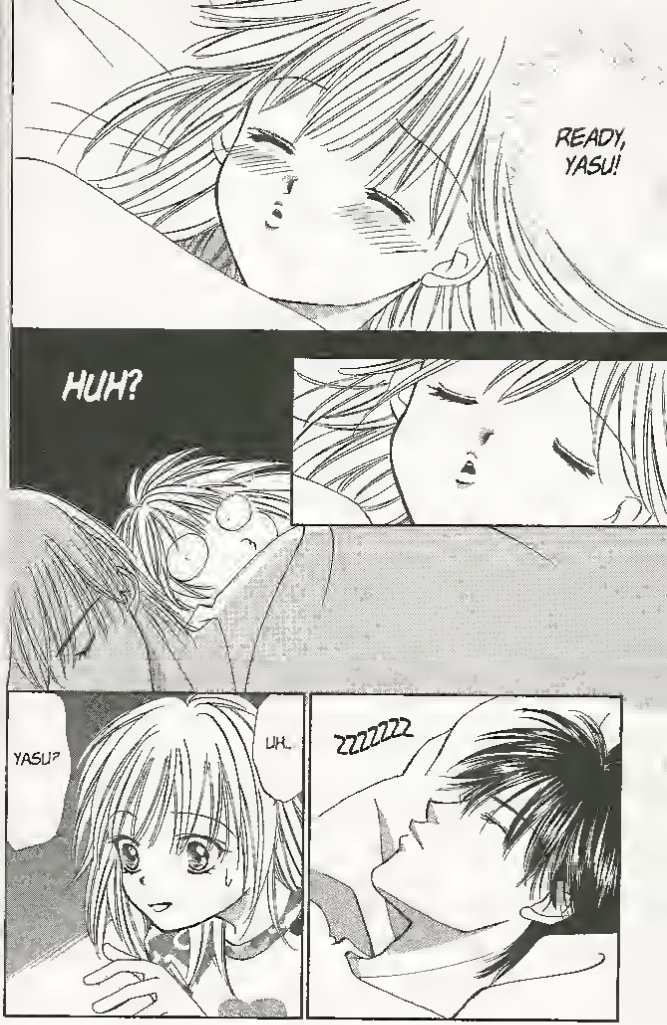
CLATTER
EEEP!
WANT COFFEE OR TEA?
SIT RIGHT HERE!
HAD DINNER YET?
I'LL COOK SOME-THING!
SMLISSH
YOU OKAY?
CRASHH
NOP
CREAK
ECHOOO
Uh, well...
GIGGLE
I'M FINE.


UH, LIKE ENOKI MUSHROOMS?
IT'S OKAY. I'LL COOK SOMETHING.
YOU MOSTLY EAT CUP O' RAMEN, RIGHT?
BUT I DON'T HAVE REAL FOOD..
TA-DA
WOW!
YOU MADE A FEAST FROM MY STUFF!
YOU REALLY SHOULD LEARN TO COOK.
CUP O' RAMEN AIN'T EXACTLY HEALTH FOOD.
I KNOW..
HOW EMBARRASSING!

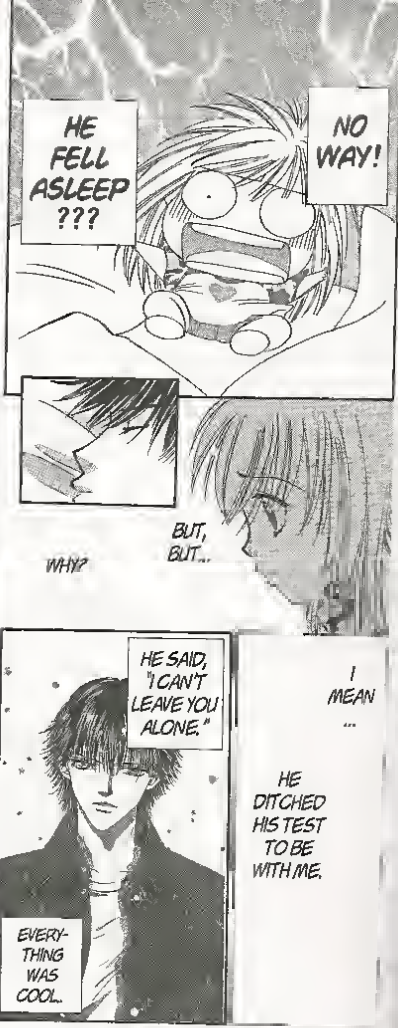

YUMMY SOUP!
JUST TELL YOUR DAD I KEELED OVER!
SINCE YOU MADE ME DINNER
I'LL MAKE UP A GOOD EXCUSE FOR YOU.
SECONDS, PLEASE. ♡
TELL HIM THE STUDENT COUNCIL V.P. IS VERRRY SICKLY!
THANKS FOR TAKING ME TO THE HOSPITAL! Good, huh?
O YASUAKI! KOFF, KOFF!
BETTER YET, I'LL SHOW HIM!

B-BMP B-BMP B-BMP B-BMP
ALMOST TIME FOR..
..BED.
SSSSSSS
WHERE WILL HE SLEEP?
GULP
Where?
DRP DRP
DRP
I WONDER ...
...IF WE'LL ...
WHERE'S YOUR BED?
B-BMP
GOTTA GET UP EARLY. I'M TURNING IN.

WE'RE SLEEPING TOGETHER!
SQUEEEZE
GOOD NIGHT..
YASU'S SURE CLUELESS ABOUT ROMANCE.
GOOD NIGHT.
SQUEEAK
WHAT-EVER.
HANABI OZORA IS GONNA BECOME...
...A WOMAN TONIGHT!!
OOH!
RUSSLE
MY BED FEELS TINY WITH YASU IN IT.
Hee
KLIK


READY, YASU!
HUH?
YASU?
UH...
ZZZZZZZ

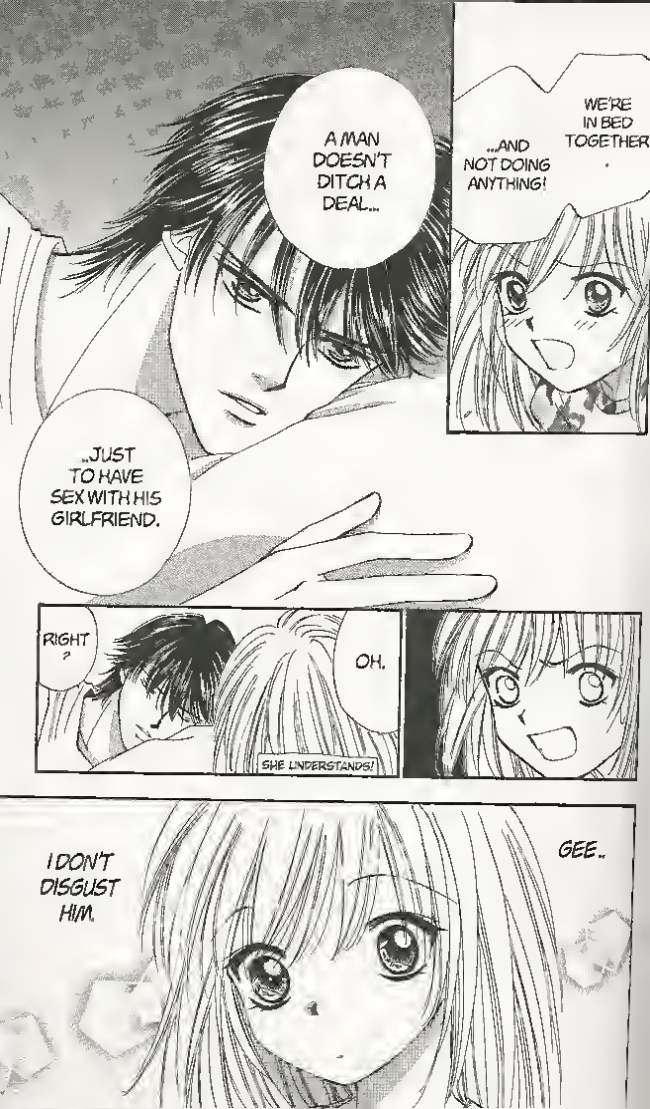
DOG


HE FELL ASLEEP ???
NO WAY!
WHY?
BUT, BUT...
HE SAID, "I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE."
EVERY-THING WAS COOL..
I MEAN ...
HE DITCHED HIS TEST TO BE WITH ME.

Hee hee hee hee
LIKE ENOKI MUSH-ROOMS?
YASU CAME ALL THIS WAY AND, AND..
TELL YOUR DAD I KEELED OVER!
BETTER YET, I'LL SHOW HIM!
SECONDS, PLEASE! ♡
Hee hee hee hee
DID I MAKE HIM FEEL BAD?
WAS IT RUDE TO MAKE HIM COOK?
DID I SCREW THINGS UP?

DO I.. DISGUST YOU?
THUDD
SORRY..
POINK
YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY...
...AND I DIDN'T MAKE YOU DINNER.
THAT WASN'T VERY CUTE OF ME.
YOU ARE REALLY, REALLY ...

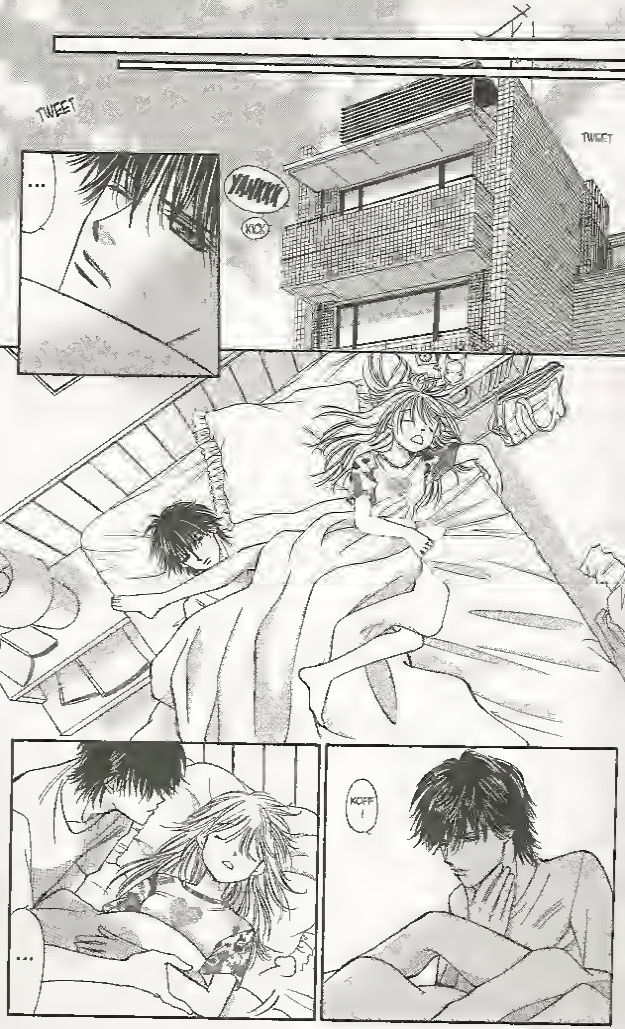
CUTE.
WELL –
YOU DON'T ALWAYS NOTICE ME.
WHO, ME?
HEH HEH
...
HUH?
YOU WERE HAPPY, HYPER, ASHAMED, QUIET, AND DEPRESSED TONIGHT.
YOUR MOODS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE.


A MAN DOESN'T DITCH A DEAL...
...JUST TO HAVE SEX WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND.
WE'RE IN BED TOGETHER.
...AND NOT DOING ANYTHING!
RIGHT?
OH.
SHE UNDERSTANDS!
I DON'T DISGUST HIM.
GEE..

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO BED WITH ANYBODY BEFORE.
PLUS...
WHY DO EVERYTHING TONIGHT? IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SPECIAL.

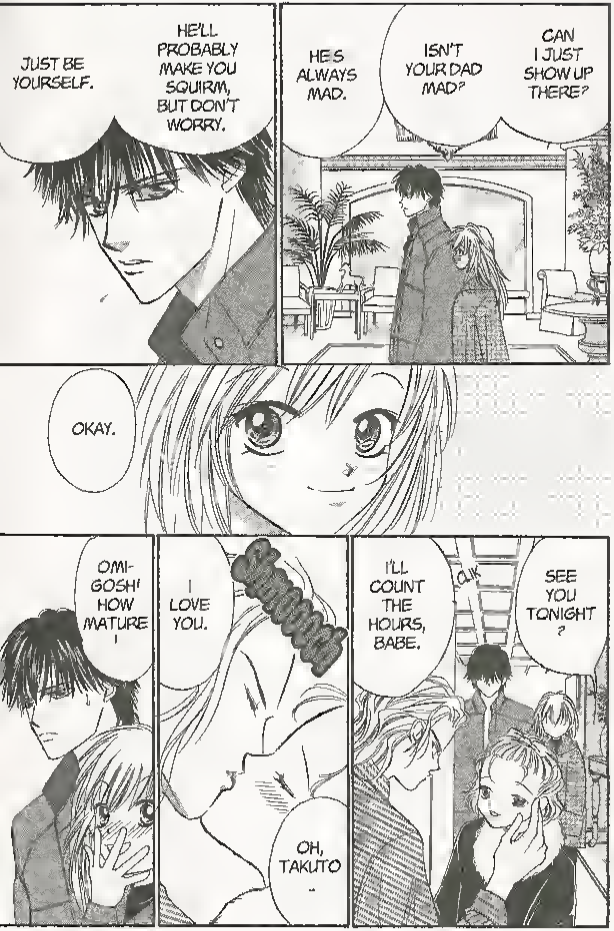
SNUGGLE
FLIPP
BEEP!
RUSSLE
USE MY ARM...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE! ♡
YOUR FEET ARE COLD.
IT'S WARM UNDER HERE!
YOU'RE AN ELECTRIC BLANKET!
HEH!
WHAT DO I DO?
I'M REALLY FALLING FOR YOU, YASU...


TWEET
TWEET
...
YAWKK
KO?
...
KOFF
!

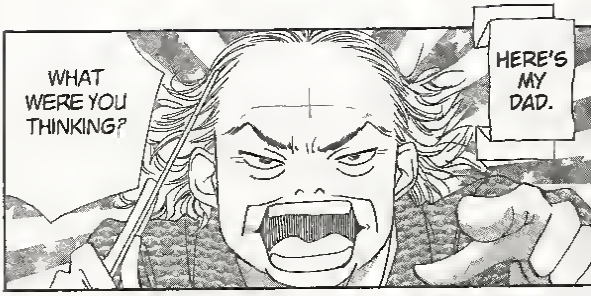
OHHH, YASU.
UP ALREADY?
YAWN!
I WANTED TO WATCH YOU SLEEP.
DAWN
SO? WHAT'LL YOU TELL YOUR DAD...
..ABOUT LAST NIGHT?
MORNING SHOPPING!
I'LL TELL HIM THE TRUTH.

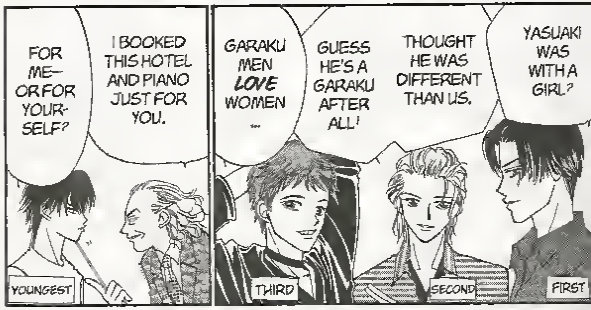
AND INTRODUCE YOU. OKAY?
I G-GUESS.. SO.
I SEE
DON'T BE SCARED.
I'M MEETING YOUR FAMILY?
WAIT!

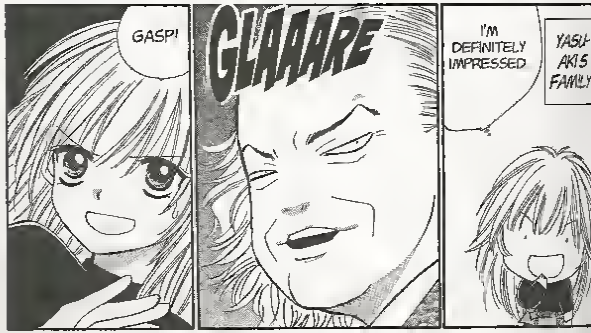

JUST BE YOURSELF.
HE'LL PROBABLY MAKE YOU SQUIRM, BUT DON'T WORRY.
HE'S ALWAYS MAD.
ISN'T YOUR DAD MAD?
CAN I JUST SHOW UP THERE?
OKAY.
OMI-GOSH! HOW MATURE!
I LOVE YOU.
Smooch
OH, TAKUTO..
I'LL COUNT THE HOURS, BABE.
CLIK
SEE YOU TONIGHT?

OKAY, EVERY-BODY! PARTY'S OVER!
TITTER TITTER
CLAK
FLP
FLP
FLP
OH! YASUAKI!
...
UH, YOU KNOW HIM?
INVITE US AGAIN, ARUTO!
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
BRRR, IT'S COLD AT DAWN.
WHOA
YOU KNOW HIM, TOO?
YASUAKI?
KOFF!
WE'LL GET TOGE-THER.
SURE!

SIGH
HUH?
What?
MORNING, GAKUTO.
My achin' back!
FINALLY MADE IT, YASUAKI?
HEY! ♡
HANABI, MEET MY BROTHERS.
WHAT???


WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
HERE'S MY DAD.


FOR ME— OR FOR YOURSELF?
I BOOKED THIS HOTEL AND PIANO JUST FOR YOU.
YOUNGEST
GARAKU MEN LOVE WOMEN ...
GUESS HE'S A GARAKU AFTER ALL!
THIRD
THOUGHT HE WAS DIFFERENT THAN US.
SECOND
YASUAKI WAS WITH A GIRL?
FIRST

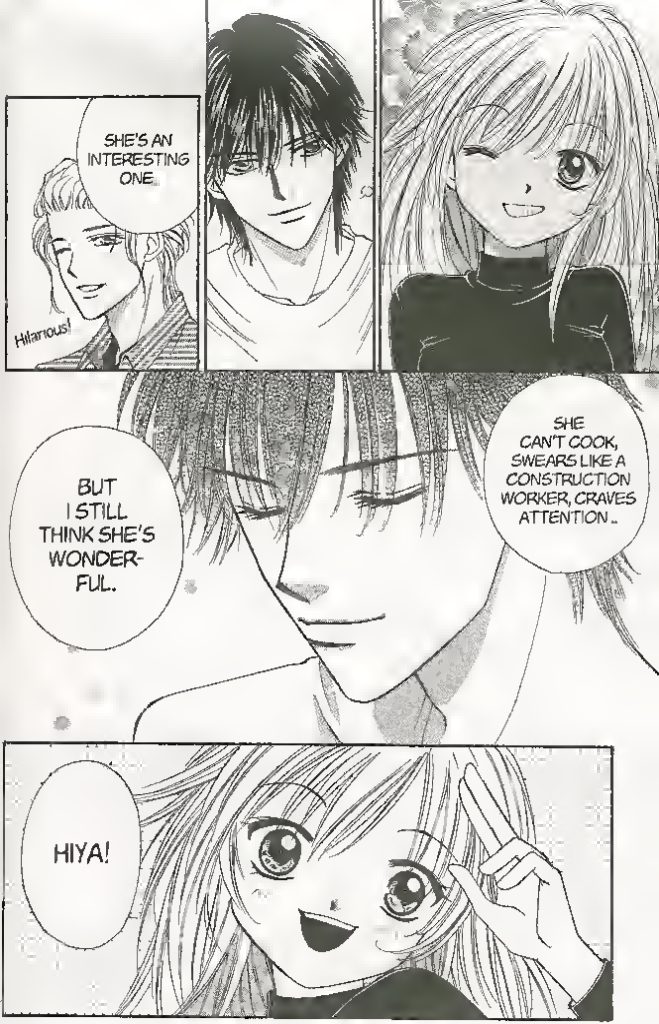

GASP!
GLAAARE
I'M DEFINITELY IMPRESSED
YASUAKI'S FAMILY

BUT I STILL WANT YOU TO BECOME A PIANIST.
RIGHT NOW, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER.
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?
...SO YOU MUST BE MUSICAL, TOO.
YOU SEEM TO BE DATING MY SON
MY GIRL DUMPED ME AFTER SHE MET DAD.
She's all like "sisters"...
SHE'LL JUST GET HURT.
HE'S DUMB FOR BRINGING HER.
I DON'T WANT YOU WITH SILLY GIRLS.
POINCK
MY EX CRIED WHEN HE SAID THAT.
SO, MISS! ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH FOR MY SON?
GIMME A BREAK!
Dad needs a swift kick.

LET'S HAVE HANABI PLAY SOMETHING BEFORE YASUAKI'S TEST.
REALLY
HANABI ?
BEAM
I PLAY A LITTLE PIANO.
I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS ~
...EXACTLY HOW I FEEL RIGHT NOW.
OKEY-DOKEY !
HEY!

CAN SHE ACTUAL-LY PLAY?
UH-OH.
(Hmm!)
FLEXX
FLEXX
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAAAAAAAMMM

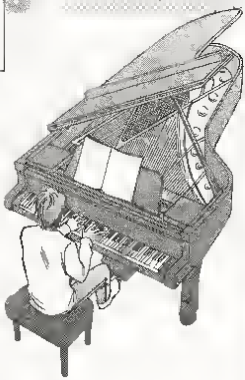
HEH
!?
OZORA HAS LEFT THE BUILDING
THANK YOU!
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
HEH
HEH
FIRST CHICK WHO EVER STOOD UP TO DAD-..AND WON!
Giggle!
DAMN GIRL, YOU ARE FUNNY!
AWESOME!


SHE'S AN INTERESTING ONE.
Hilarious!
SHE CAN'T COOK, SWEARS LIKE A CONSTRUCTION WORKER, CRAVES ATTENTION.
BUT I STILL THINK SHE'S WONDER-FUL.
HIYA!

HIS DAD STARED AT ME AWHILE, THEN INVITED ME TO LUNCH.

HE SAID YASU'S PLAYING WAS THE BEST EVER..

YASU ACED HIS TEST! HIS DAD EVEN HUMMED ALONG!



DOES THAT MEAN HE APPROVES ?

WELL, ANYWAY ...

YASU IS STILL REALLY TOO COOL FOR WORDS!

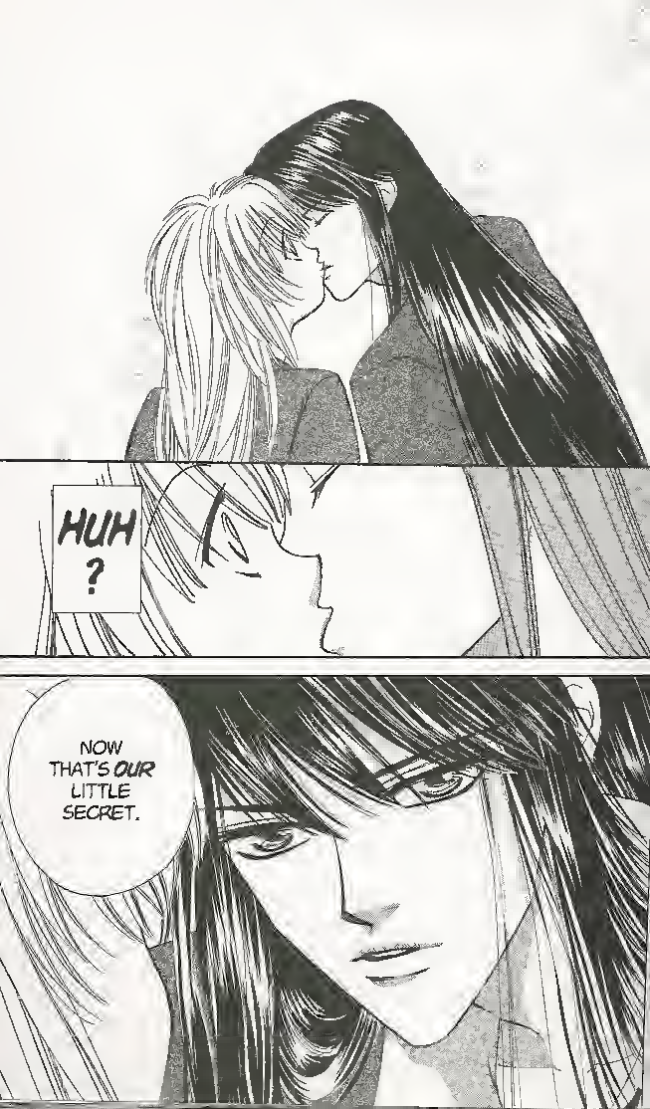
♡

HERE GOES!
FLIPP
HUH?
...
YAY! A SEXY DIGITAL PIC OF MY BOYFRIEND!
PLOOSHH
PLOOSHH

MOVIN' FAST, AREN'T YA?
HERE.
MY SPARE KEY.
I'M LIVING ALONE
..SO IT'S ALL YOURS.
KIDDING! I'M TOTALLY SCREWIN' WITH YOU!
SLAPP
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!

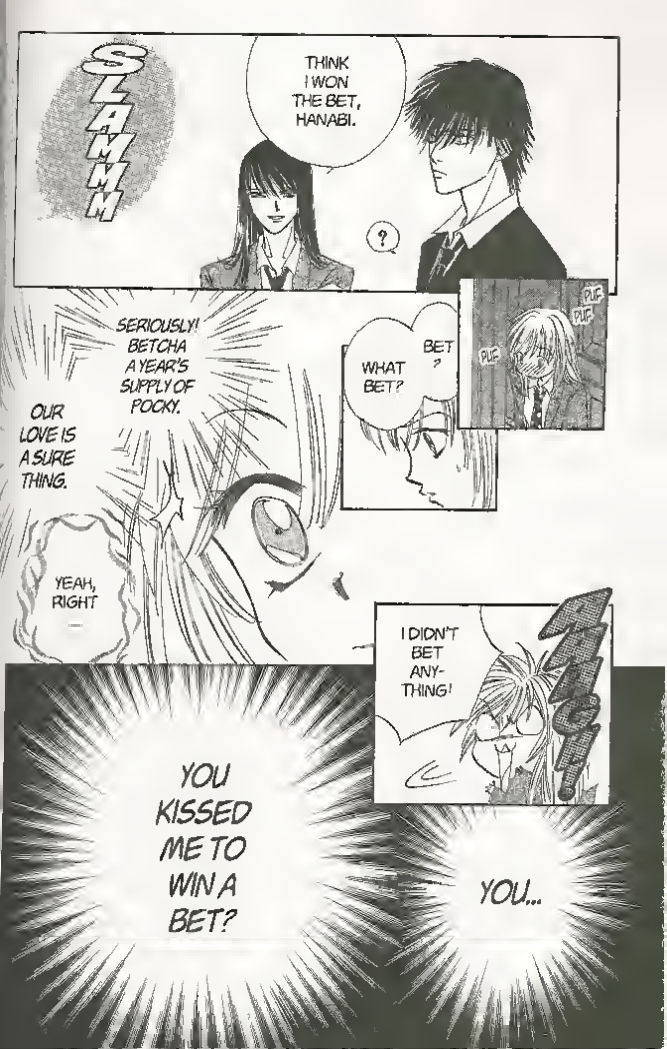
SHE CAN BE AMUSING ...
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS SO GREAT!
BEST OF ALL, HE'LL NEVER CHEAT ON ME!
I LOVE YASU! ♡
EVEN GOD HERSELF CAN'T SEPARATE US.

SERIOUSLY! BETCHA A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF POCKY.
YOU SHOULDA SEEN YASU SMILE.
OH, CAN'T SHE?
OUR LOVE IS..
...A SURE THING.
I...
...JUST KNOW IT.
BUT WE'RE TOTALLY IN LOVE!
I HAVE MY DOUBTS.
IT'S TRUE!
YEAH, RIGHT...
HEH


HUH ?
NOW THAT'S OUR LITTLE SECRET.

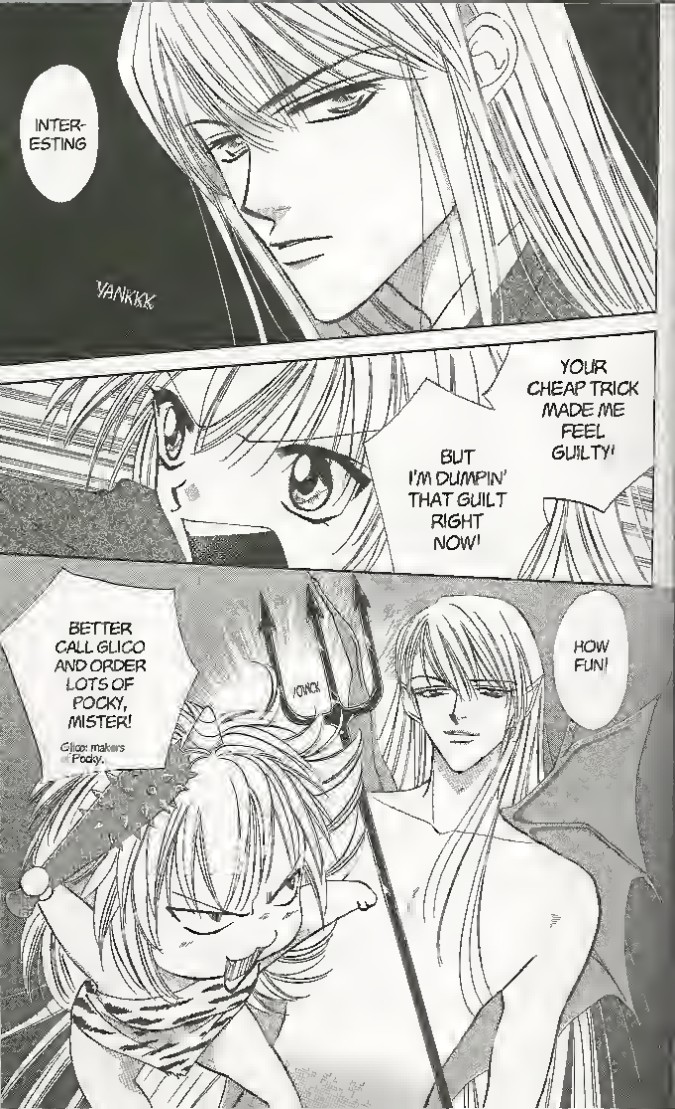
I...
...JUST KISSED YOSHI-TOMO!!
BUT WHY?
WHY?
WHY?
WHY?
He liked me, too.
But didn't tell Yasu.
Secret love.
CLIK
HEY, ASUAKI
FLUTTER
HANABI JUST DISHED ABOUT YOUR SWEET ROMANCE.
RIGHT?
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

UHHH
GOTTA GET TO CLASS!
WHAT WAS THAT?
?
FLASH
SORRY, GOTTA GO!
SEE YA!
HEY, HANABI, I...
I KISSED YOSHI-TOMO!
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
WHAT DO I DO? HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND!
BA-BUMP


SLAMM
THINK I WON THE BET, HANABI.
?
PUP PUP
PUP
BET ?
WHAT BET?
SERIOUSLY! BETCHA A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF POCKY.
OUR LOVE IS A SURE THING.
YEAH, RIGHT
I DIDN'T BET ANY-THING!
YOU KISSED ME TO WIN A BET?
YOU...

NOBODY FEELS 100 PERCENT SURE ABOUT LOVE.
SO...
INSTEAD, YOU WRECKED MY LOVING FEELING!
YOU COULDA JUST SAID THAT!
EVEN HAPPY PEOPLE WORRY LOVE MAKES YOU LAUGH AND CRY.
BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN.
Heh
PLUS, I FEEL SO GUILTY!
WHY'D YOU DO WHAT YOU DID?
SLUMP

I WAS SO-O-O HAPPY TODAY ...
BUZZ-kill!
I WON'T TELL YASU.
RELAX.
My blood's boilin'!
BUT I HAVEN'T LOST YET.
FINE!
I'LL GET BACK THAT LOVING FEELIN'!
YOSHITOMO WILL NOT CRUSH MY HAPPY HUSTLE HIGH MOOD!
THIS IS STUPID! I DID NOTHING WRONG!
THE POWER OF LOVE NEVER FAILS.

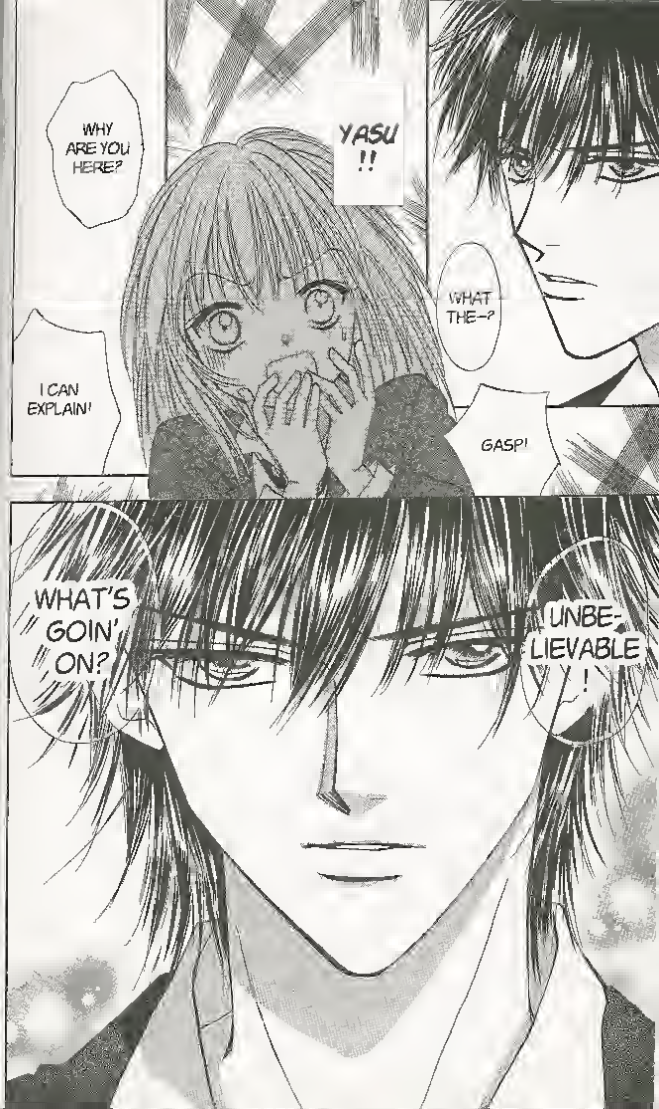

INTER-
ESTING
YANKKK
YOUR CHEAP TRICK MADE ME FEEL GUILTY!
BUT I'M DUMPIN' THAT GUILT RIGHT NOW!
BETTER CALL GLICO AND ORDER LOTS OF POCKY, MISTER!
Glico: makers of Pocky.
KNOCK
HOW FUN!

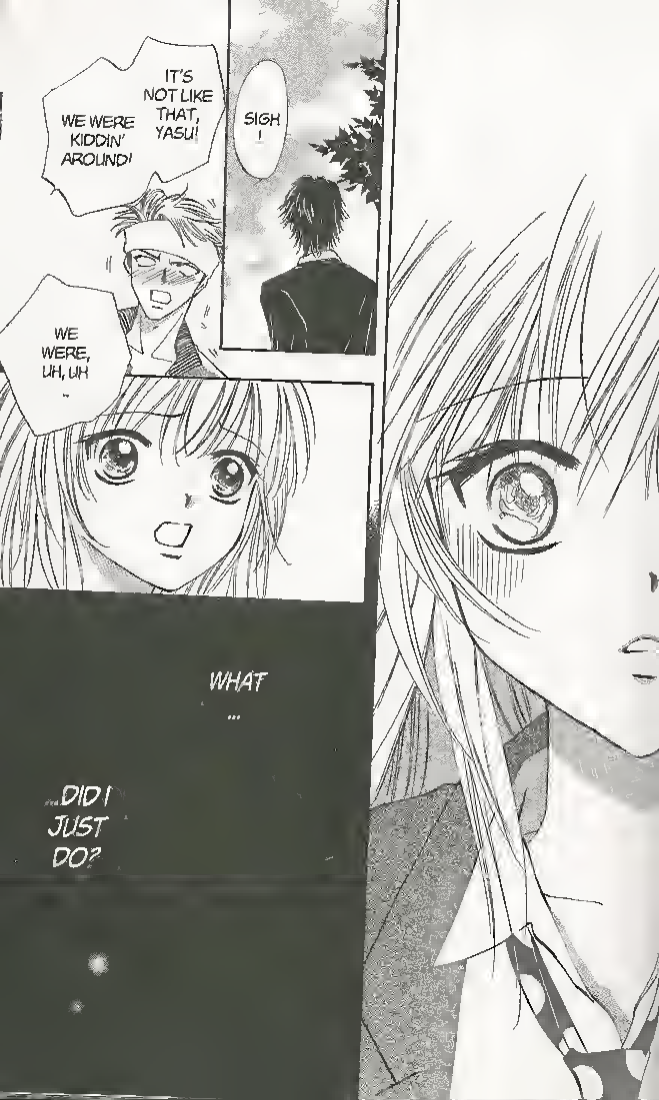
WHAT'S UP?
I'M AT PRACTICE.
JUST COME HERE, PLEASE.
I WANNA TALK TO YOU.
OKAY.
HMM
SHE'S WITH TOKIHISA ...
PERFECT TIMING, YASUAKI.
WATCH MY BAG, OKAY? I'M OFF TO THE BEACH.
HANABI'S WAITING BY THE POOL.

DO YOU STILL HAVE ...FEELINGS FOR ME?
UMM... I WAS WONDER ING..
...THINK ABOUT KISSING ME?
DO YOU EVER ...
WHY ASK NOW?
HUH?
WHAT ABOUT YOU AND YASU?
FLUTTER
WHAT?

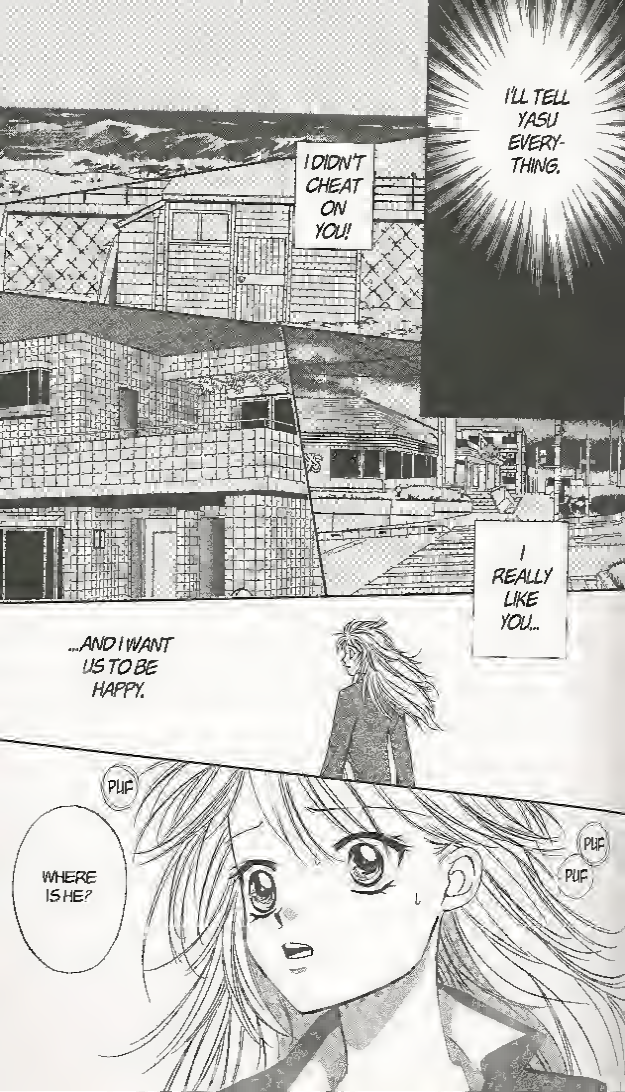
IF I KISS TOKIHISA, HE KISSES YOSHITOMO, HE KISSES YASU...
TOKIHISA AND YASU KISSED ONCE.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY.
THEN THE YOSHITOMO-HANABI KISS WILL CANCEL OUT.
OPERATION SHUFFLE KISS!
YEAH!
WE'LL CALL IT...
WHAT? ASK ME ANY-THING!
I NEED A TEENSY FAVOR FIRST.
Only you can do it.
HEY! WHAT'S THE RUSH?
HANABI
DUCK
WHAT?
KISS YOSHI-TOMO.

CLENCHHH
I GOT IT.
HANABI ...
I'LL BEAT YOSHI-TOMO...
...AND GET BACK MY LOVING FEELING.

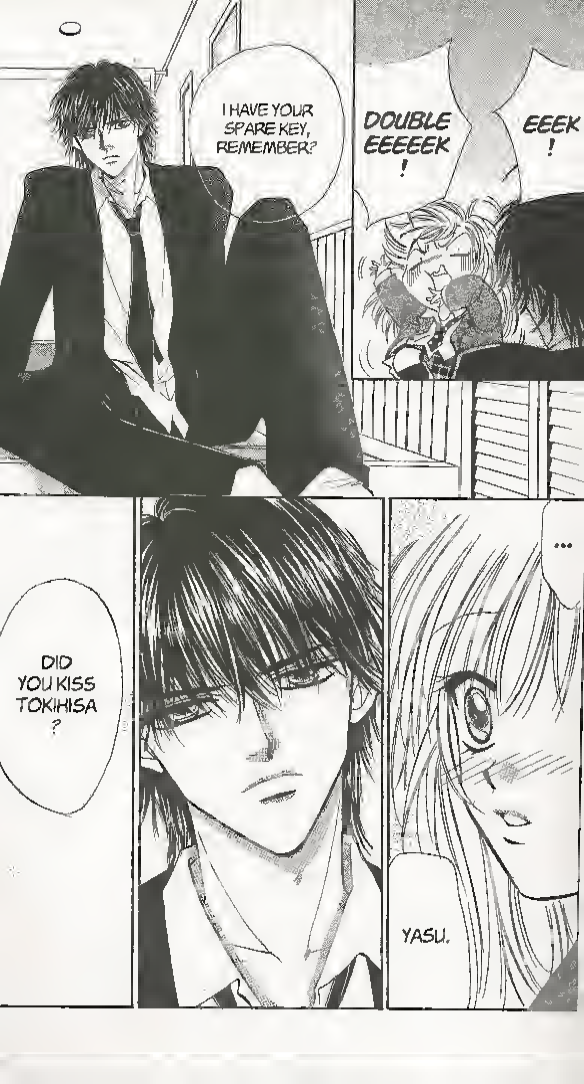

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
YASU !!
WHAT THE-?
I CAN EXPLAIN!
GASP!
WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
UNBE-LIEVABLE !


SIGH!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, YASU!
WE WERE KIDDIN' AROUND!
WE WERE, UH, UH...
WHAT...
...DID I JUST DO?

HANABI ?
HE JUST LEFT
NOOOOO
...
YOSHI-TOMO! WHERE'S YASU?
CLIK
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED ?
WHAT DO I DO? I PISSED OFF YASU!
SNIFFLE
I WASN'T BETTING ...
ABOUT OUR BET,
BUT YOU WON, OKAY?
I WAS JUST JOKING.
GUESS MY JOKE WENT TOO FAR.
I'm sorry.


I'LL TELL YASU EVERY-THING.
I DIDN'T CHEAT ON YOU!
I REALLY LIKE YOU...
...AND I WANT US TO BE HAPPY.
PUF
PUF
PUF
WHERE IS HE?

HE THOUGHT I WAS WITH TOKIHISA.
I KNOW.
WE WERE MADLY IN LOVE 'TIL THIS MORNING.
HE WON'T FORGIVE A TWO-TIMER.
YASU'S REAL MACHO.
NOW I CAN'T EVEN FIND HIM!
CLIK
GO DATE TOKI-HISA!
SORRY, WE HAVE NO FUTURE.
WE'RE OVER.

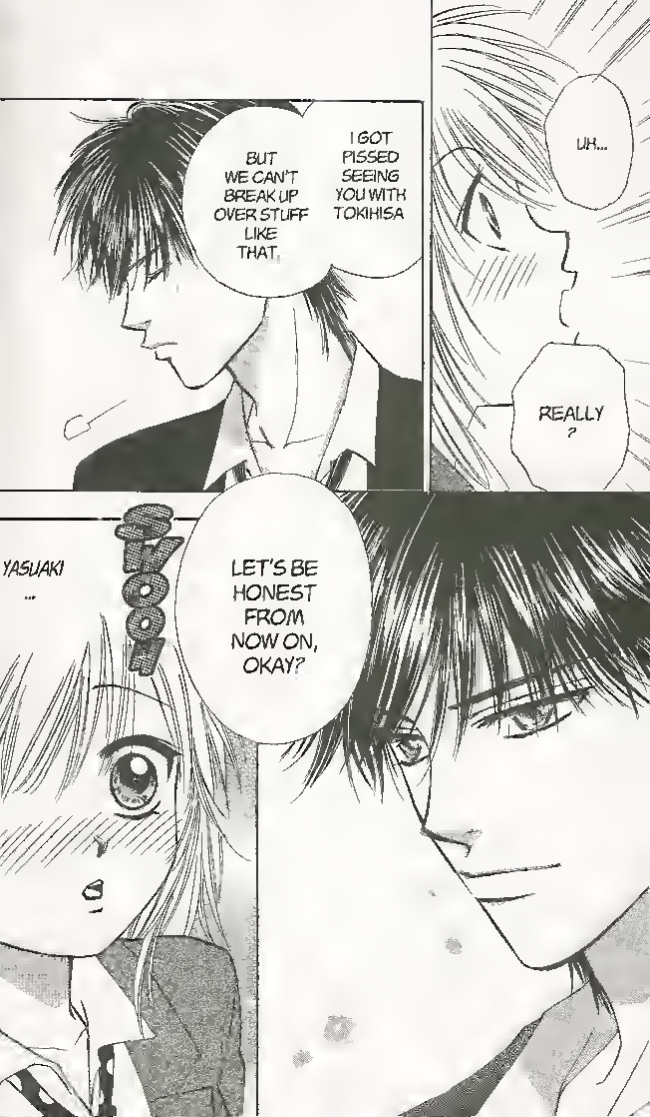

I HAVE YOUR SPARE KEY, REMEMBER?
DOUBLE EEEEEK!
EEEK!
DID YOU KISS TOKIHISA?
...
YASU.

NUH-UH
WERE YOU GONNA KISS HIM?
LUMP?
CHEATER!
LOOOM
EEEP
FLOPP
HE'S GONNA SLAP ME?

EEP

TOKIHISA CAN'T HAVE YOU.
YASU ...
I KNOW YOU'RE A FREE SPIRIT, BUT...
I NEVER THOUGHT ...
YOU'D HIT ON OTHER GUYS IF YOU COULDN'T KISS ME.

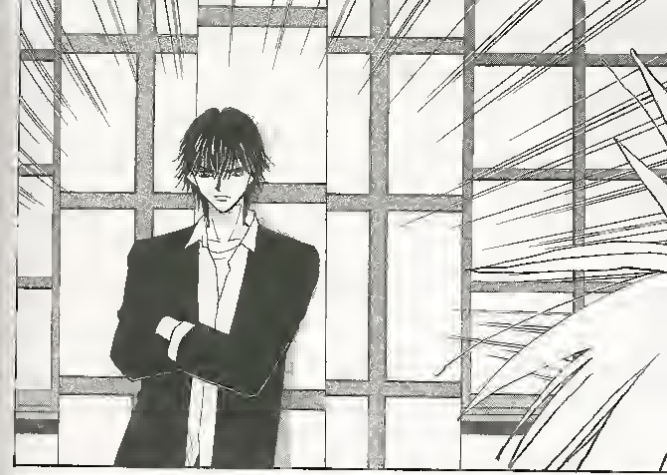
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY YOU WANTED TO KISS?
YOU THINK KISSING'S A GAME...
BUT IT'S NOT
WHAT DO I DO?
ONLY KISS ME, OKAY?
I'M NOT REALLY INTO PDAs...
BUT IF YOU CRAVE A KISS, I'LL PUCKER UP ANYWHERE.

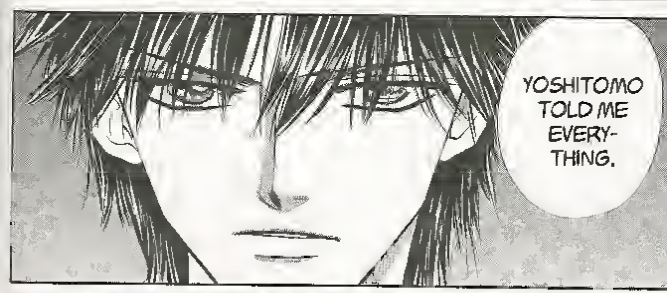

UH...
REALLY ?
I GOT PISSED SEEING YOU WITH TOKIHISA
BUT WE CAN'T BREAK UP OVER STUFF LIKE THAT.
LET'S BE HONEST FROM NOW ON, OKAY?
YASUAKI ...
CHOOK

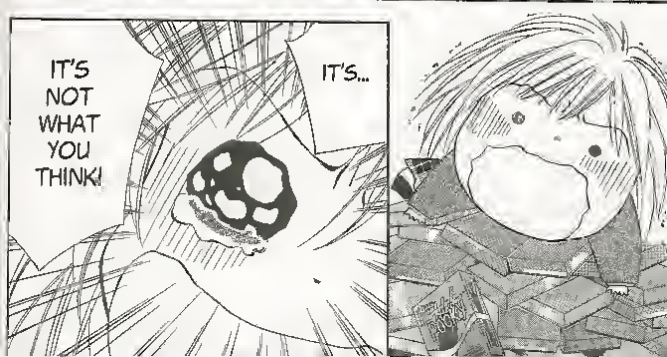
I'M SO AMAZED!
YOU'LL FORGIVE ME?
YOU ACTUALLY CARE HOW I FEEL!
AND SO HAPPY!
I'M SORRY.
I REALLY JUST WANTED TO KISS.
DID YOU CHEAT BECAUSE I ACTED SO COLD?

NEXT DAY!
HEE HEE HEE
LA, LA, LA...
LOVE IS GREAT!
CHAT
HOLA, YOSHI-TOMO!
I DEFINITELY WON THAT BET!
IT'S GREAT KNOWING HOW HE FEELS!
MY BIG PLAN FLOPPED, BUT YASU FORGAVE ME
I CAN KISS ALL I WANT!
BETTER YET...
COOL!

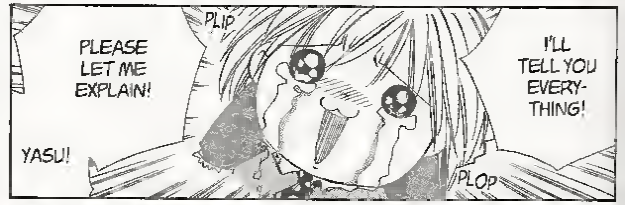
WHEW
I FELT BAD SO I TRIED TO HELP, BUT YOU DIDN'T NEED IT.
YEP, LOOKS THAT WAY.
CAN'T BELIEVE YOU BEAT ME.
?
YIPPEE!
I'LL SHOW MYSELF THE DOOR.
YOUR PRIZE IS ON THE TABLE
HUGGG
COME TO MAMA, MY DEAR SWEET POCKY!

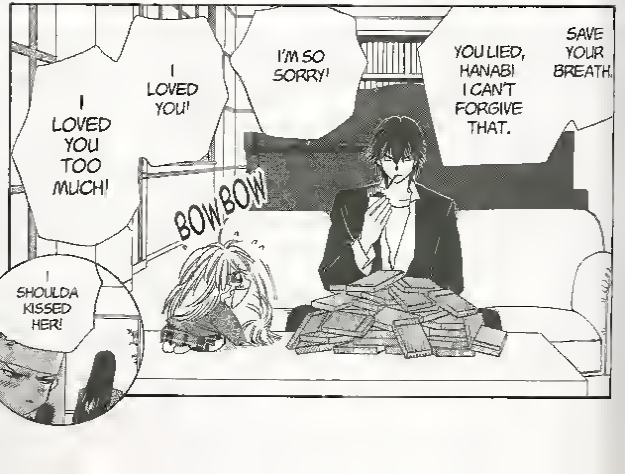



YOSHITOMO TOLD ME EVERY-THING.

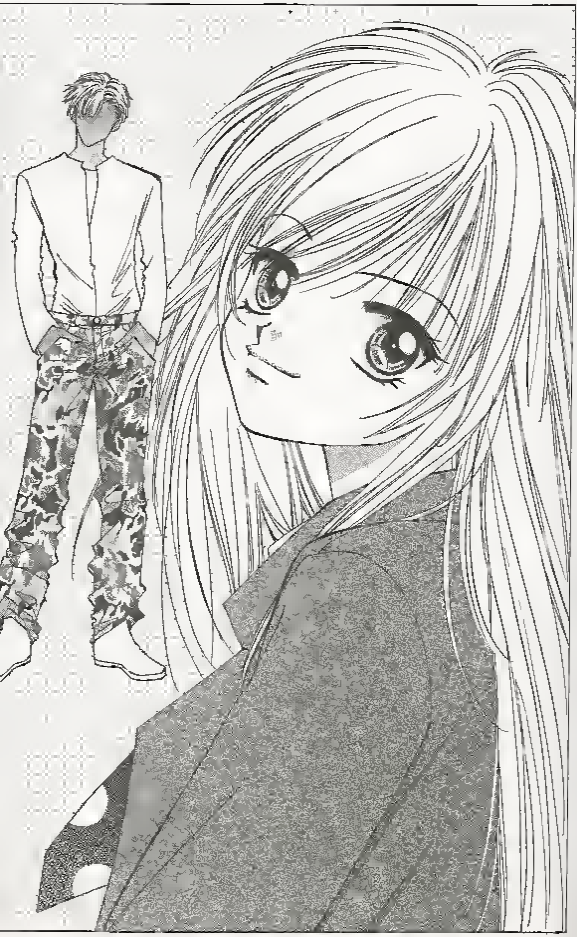

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
IT'S...

THAT KEEPS IT INTERESTING.
SOMETIMES LOVE HURTS.

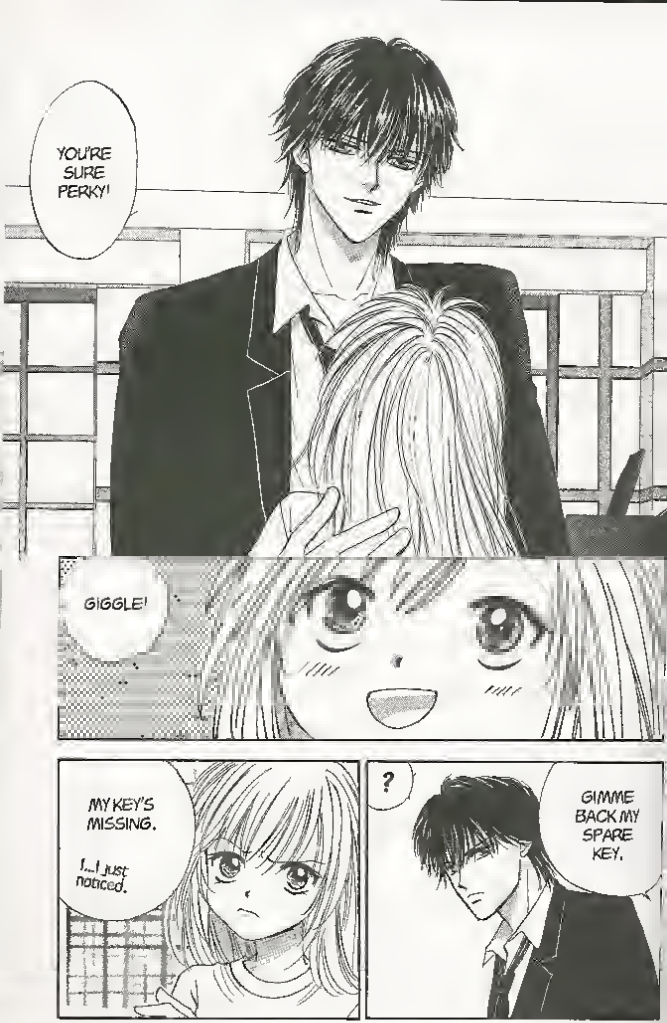

PLIP
PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN!
I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING!
YASU!
PLOP


I LOVED YOU TOO MUCH!
I LOVED YOU!
I'M SO SORRY!
YOU LIED, HANABI I CAN'T FORGIVE THAT.
SAVE YOUR BREATH.
BOW BOW
I SHOULDA KISSED HER!

HAPP
HUSTL
HUSH



YASU!
SWING
YASU!
BANG
BOUNCE
BAMMM
HEY!

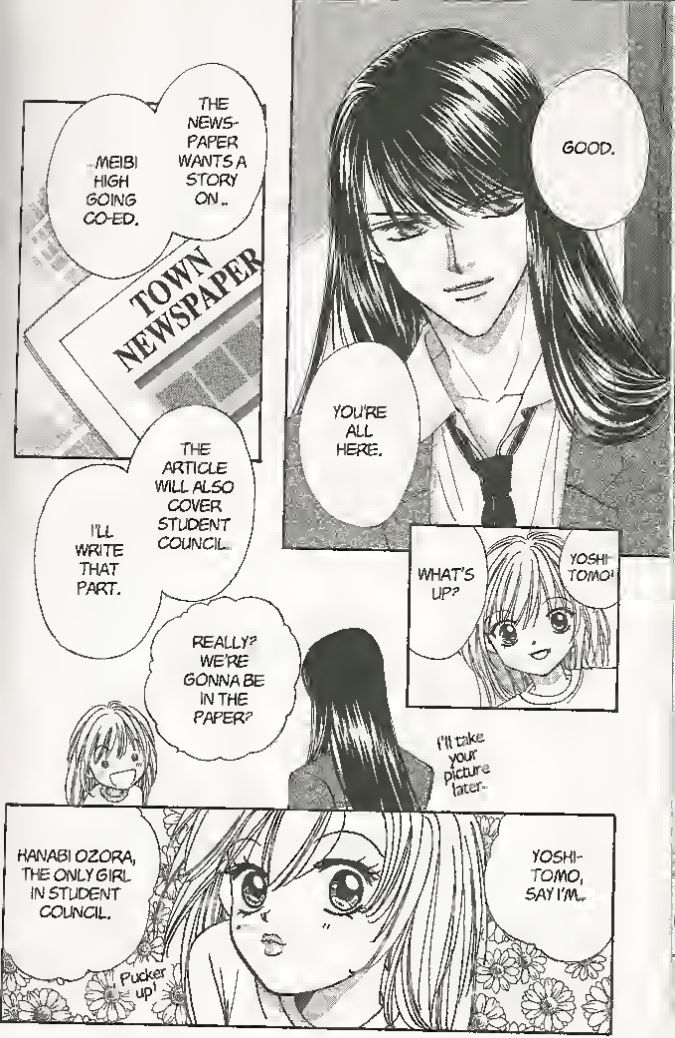

YOU'RE SURE PERKY!
GIGGLE!
MY KEY'S MISSING.
I...I just noticed.
?
GIMME BACK MY SPARE KEY.

SO YOU GAVE ME ONE IN CASE YOU LOST YOURS?
I'LL MAKE YOU ANOTHER, OKAY?
MAYBE YOU DROPPED IT.
SHE LOSES HER KEYS, LIKE, ALL THE TIME!
MY SWEETIE NEEDS A KEY!
N-NO WAY!
YES, WE ARE.
WHOA! YOU TWO ARE CUDDLY ENOUGH TO TRADE KEYS?
Oh Takahisa

A ROWDY CHICK LIKE ME HAS A BOYFRIEND!
AND I'M CRAZY IN LOVE WITH HIM!
GAZE
I LOVE YASU MORE THAN ANYONE ON EARTH. ♡
FLUTTER
I'M SO-O-O TRYING TO BE CUTE AND REAL.
THERE I GO AGAIN! SAYIN' SOMETHIN' STUPID!
BUT PLEASE STOP STARING.
I KNOW I'M CUTE...

Your keys.
I RETRACED YOUR STEPS SINCE THIS MORNING.
JINGLE
TWIRRL
Was my joke too dumb?
. . .
?
WHOA!
WHOA!
WHEEE
THIS A.M.
KLINK
CHAIN IT TO YOUR POCKET, OKAY?
YOU'RE AMAZING, YASU!
Thanks!

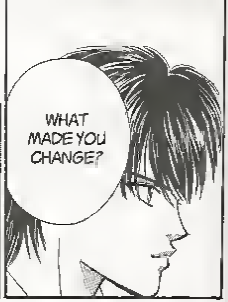
THIS ONE'S MINE.
B-BIP
YOU DON'T LIKE GIRLS...
BUT YOU SURE MAKE ME BLUSH!
GRRR
YOU WOMAN-IZER!
!!
BUZZ OFF, DOG-BOY!
SAY WHAT?! I DECLARE A DUEL!
TWIRRL

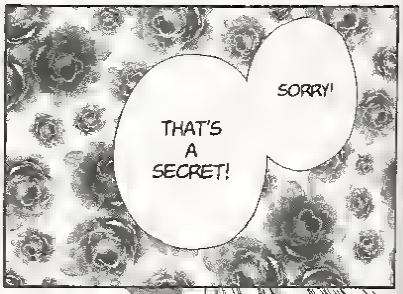

TOWN NEWSPAPER
MEIBI HIGH GOING CO-ED.
THE NEWS-PAPER WANTS A STORY ON..
GOOD.
YOU'RE ALL HERE.
I'LL WRITE THAT PART.
THE ARTICLE WILL ALSO COVER STUDENT COUNCIL.
WHAT'S UP?
YOSHI-TOMO!
REALLY? WE'RE GONNA BE IN THE PAPER?
I'll take your picture later.
HANABI OZORA, THE ONLY GIRL IN STUDENT COUNCIL.
YOSHI-TOMO, SAY I'M..
Pucker up!

HEH HEH
LET'EM KNOW I'M FEMALE!
TWACK
THE ONE CHICK IN A BUNCH OF DUDES!
OH, YEAH!
HANABI'S WEIRD, TOO. MORE POWERFUL THAN SHE LOOKS...
...AND VERY SPUNKY.
HUH?
THIRD
SECOND
FIRST
YASUAKI'S ODD. HIS BROTHERS ARE PLAYBOYS, BUT HE CAN'T STAND GIRLS.
THE GARAKUS LOVE WOMEN.
HEY!
YOUNGEST

NO JOKE! I'D LIKE TO MEET HER FOLKS!
BUT I'M NORMAL!
I WAS A QUIET, LAW-ABIDING LITTLE GIRL! REALLY!
NO WAY!!
WERE YOU HYPNO-TIZED?
I WON-DER!
WHEN DID YOU GO ASTRAY?

TOTAL WIMP


WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE?


SORRY!
THAT'S A SECRET!

YOU'RE VERY PUZZLING, HANABI.
YOU'RE THE PUZZLING ONE, YOSHITOMO!

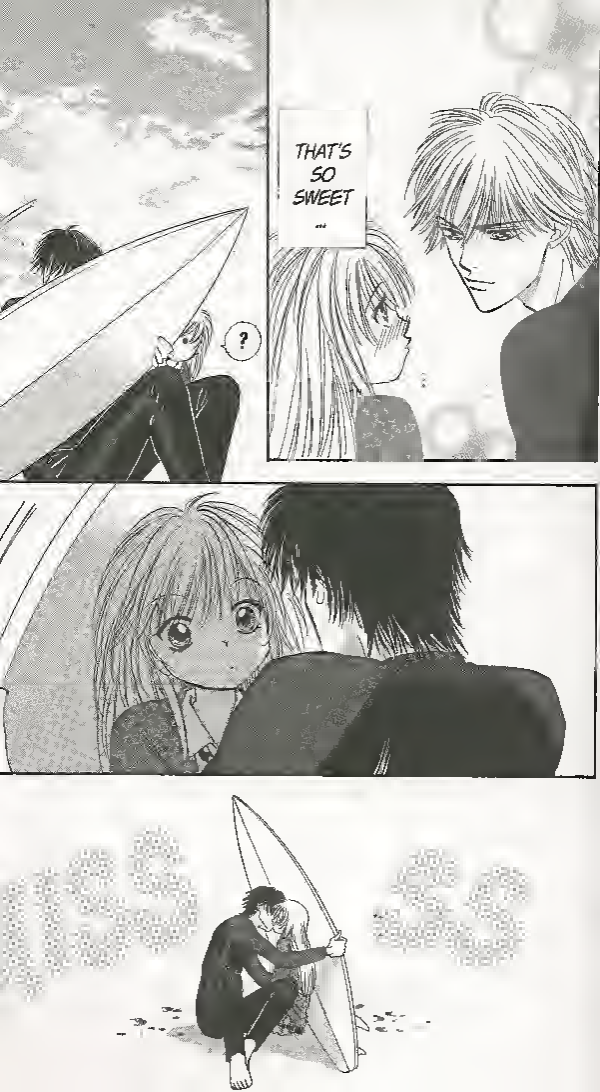
AMINO ACID
R-CH(NH2)
COOH
AMINO ACID
TODAY WE'LL TIME YOUR 1000 METER RUN.

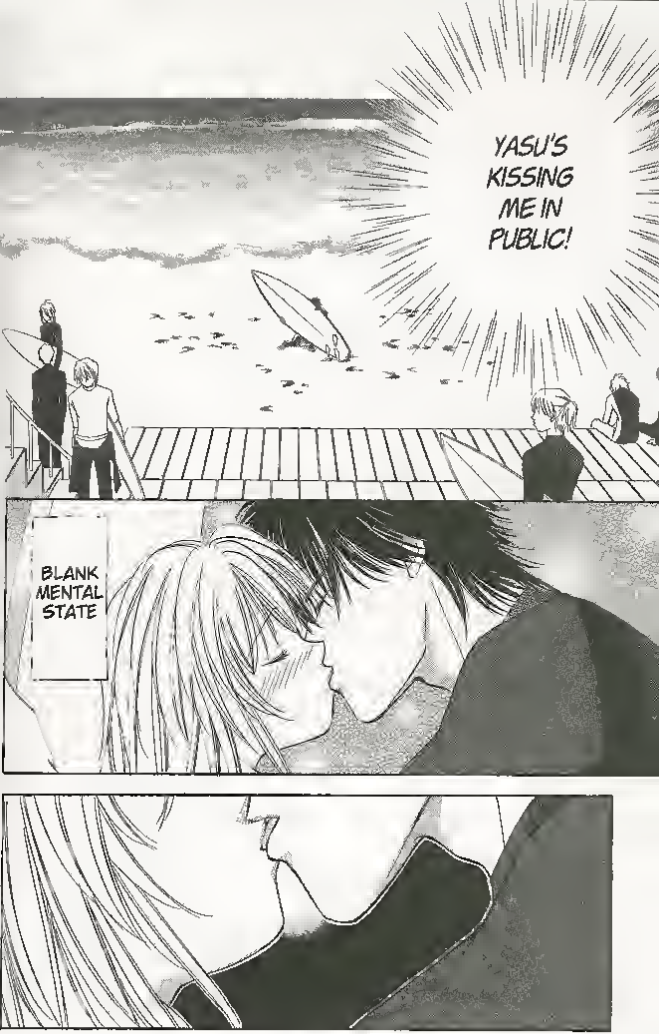
PUF
PUF
PUF
Blab Blab
PUF
PUF
I'M GREAT!
PUF
AND THEN...
BRRRING RRRING

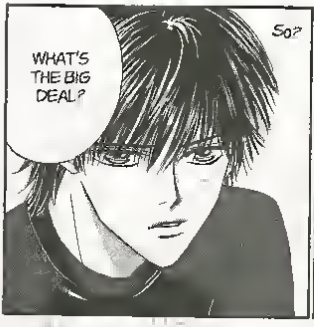
I WAS GONNA WAVE
BUT THE GIRLS WOULDA MADE YA BLUSH!
HEY!
DIDJA SEE ME IN P.E.?
AM I REALLY WEIRD?
YOU THINK I'M CURSED, TOO?
NOT REALLY
PLASHH
WHY DO YOU DO..
...EVERY-THING AT FULL BLAST?

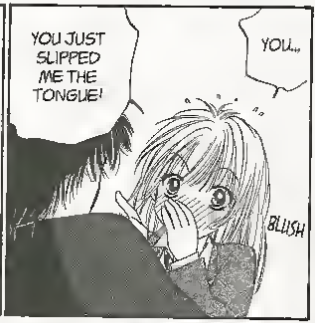
BUT YOSHITOMO THINKS SO.
ME, I DON'T WANT A DIFFERENT HANABI.
YOU CAN BE A PAIN ...
BUT I'M A HOLY TERROR!
BUT IT'S ALL GOOD. JUST BE YOURSELF.
FLIKK

I'LL KEEP YOU FROM GETTIN' TOO OUT THERE.
YASU ...
BLUSH

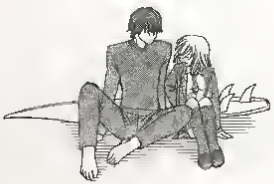

?
THAT'S SO SWEET ...


YASU'S KISSING ME IN PUBLIC!
BLANK MENTAL STATE





I FEEL GOOD ABOUT US.

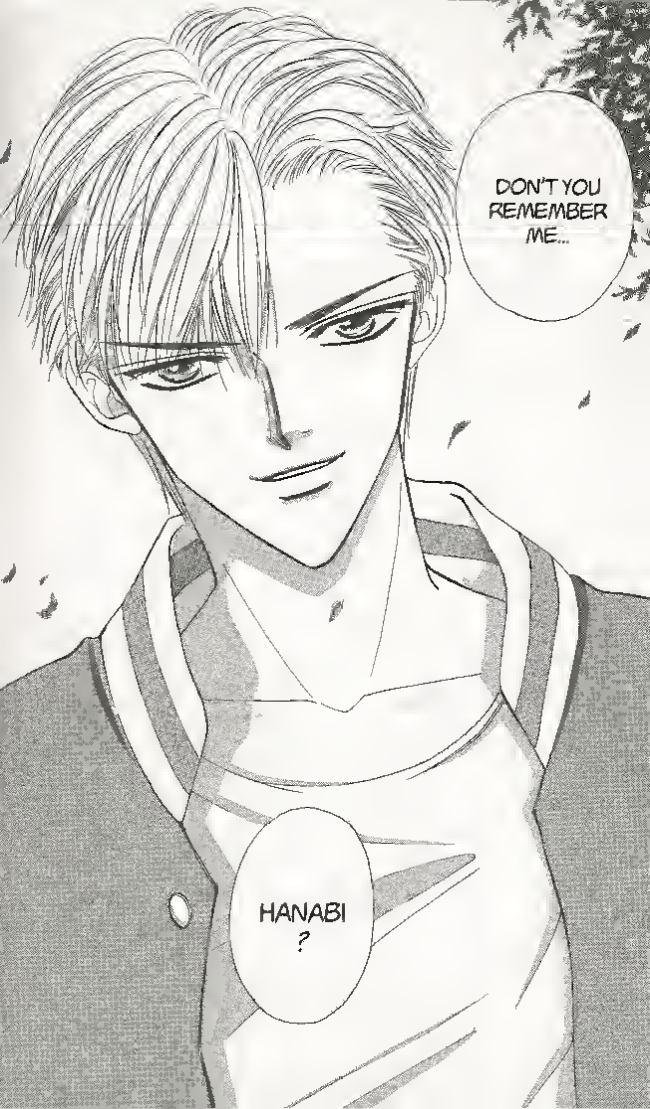


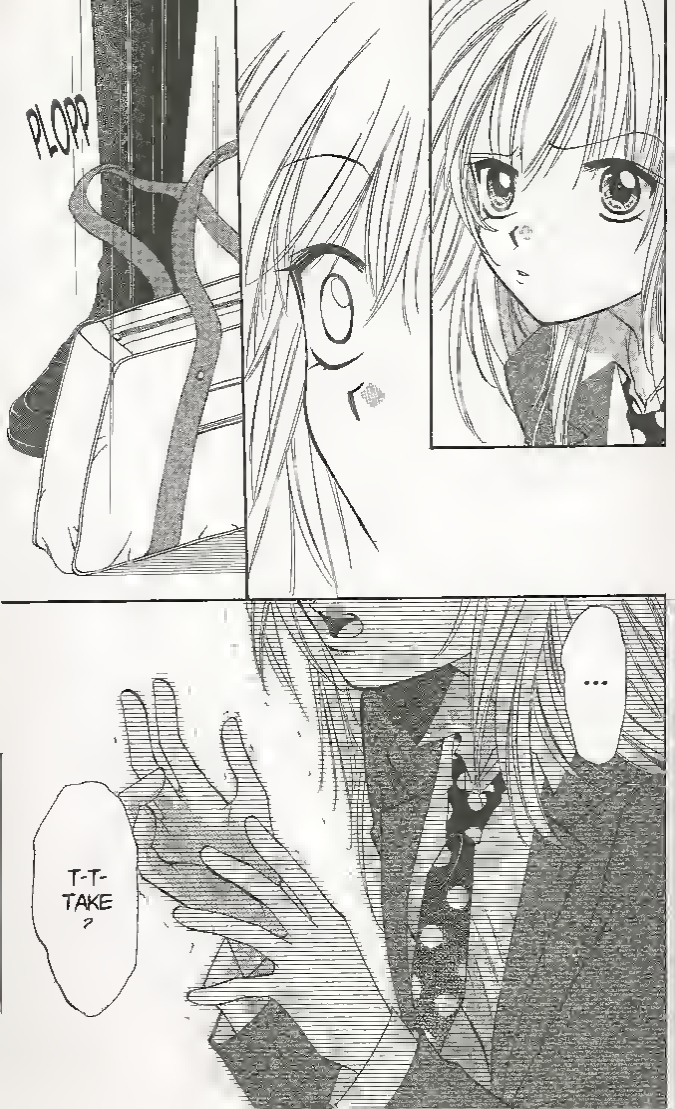
A CHANCE TO BE CUTE!
I'LL BRAVELY CUDDLE UP TO YASU.
AND NOW..
REALLY GOOD.
OKAY, THEN!
YASU-U-U?
YASU?
HUH?
CRRRUNCH
SURF'S UP!

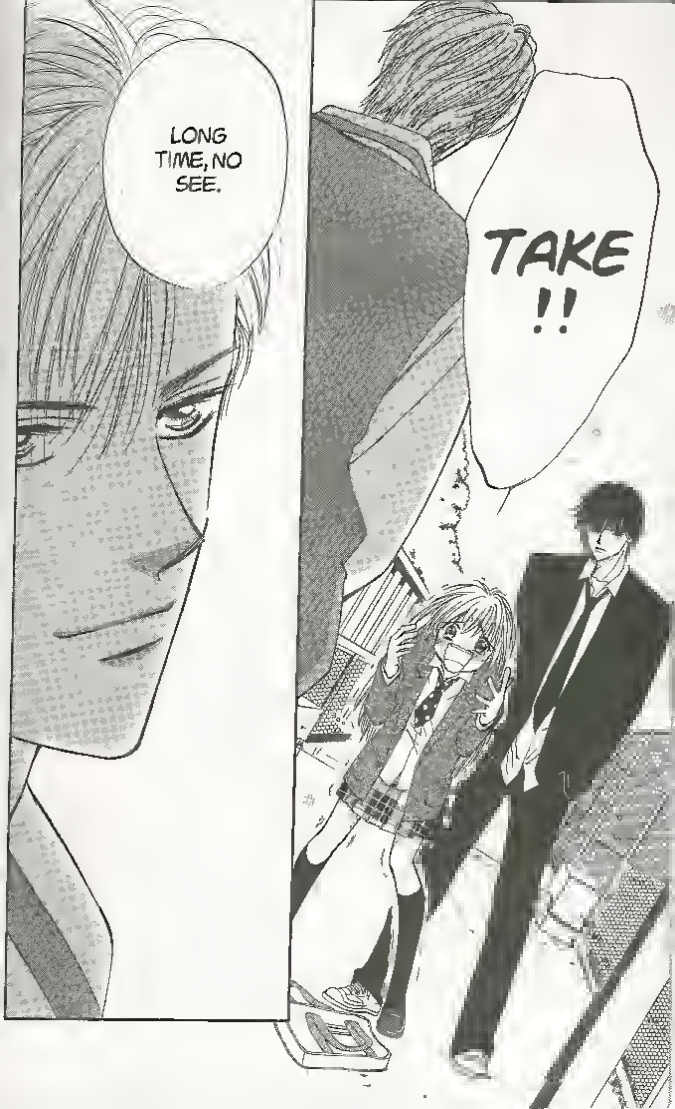
TOWN NEWSPAPER
KONAN CITY HALL
ADDRESS CHANGES
IT'S HANABI !
OTOME & EIBI MERGE
Vice Preside
Hanabi Ozur
Freshman
sident
mo Kuon,
unior
HUH?
TOWN
WSPAPE

BUT NOTHING ABOUT OUR RELATION-SHIP.
Of course not.
OH! IT SAYS I'M STUDENT COUNCIL'S ONLY GIRL!
AND A VERY ENERGETIC VICE PRESIDENT!
LET'S HIT THE BEACH
WHAT-EVER!
I'LL CUDDLE CUTELY, LIKE THIS...
CUDDLE! CUDDLE! CUDDLE!
I WAS TOO SCARED BEFORE, BUT TODAY...

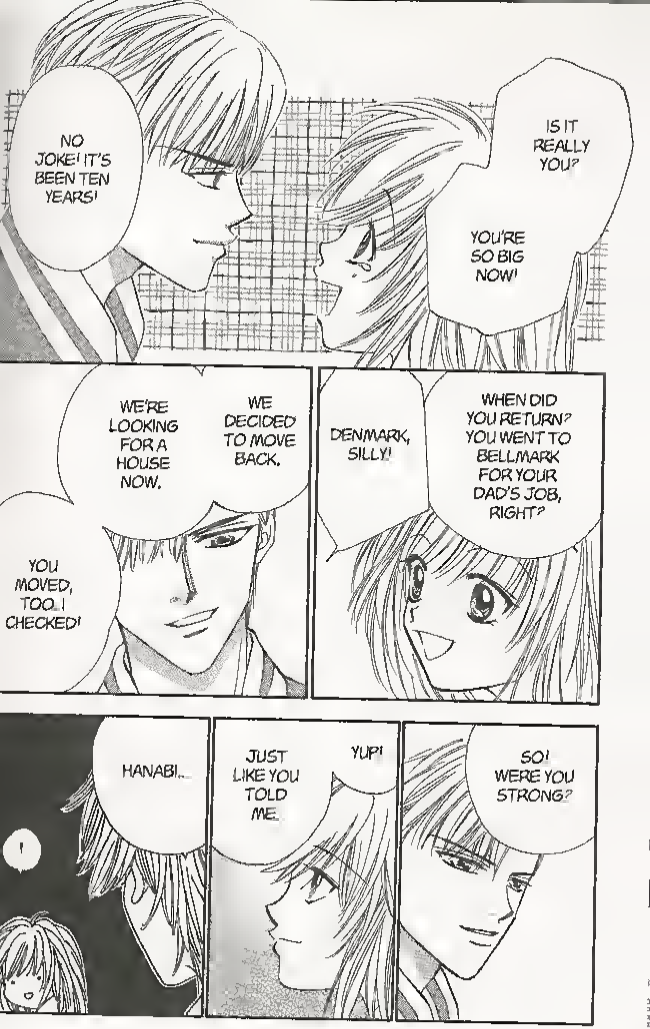
CRYBABY HANA!
!?
CRYBABY HANA?
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?


DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME...
HANABI ?

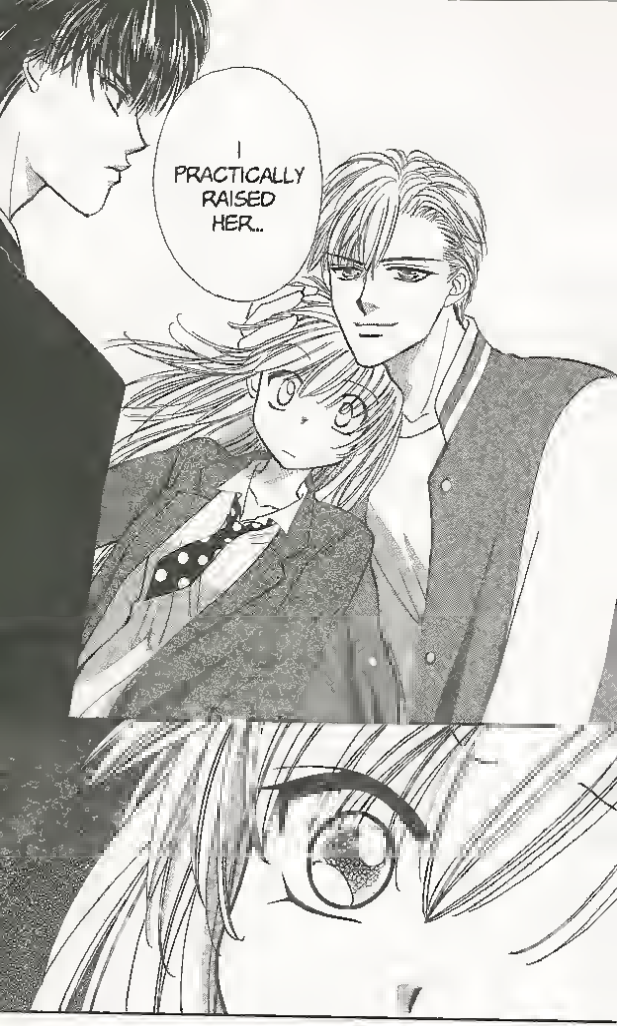

PLOPP
...
T-T-TAKE?


LONG TIME, NO SEE.
TAKE !!

YOU KNOW HIM?
HE LIVED NEXT DOOR.
NOD
NOD
BUT HE MOVED WHEN I STARTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
TAKE !!
Ha ha


NO JOKE! IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS!
IS IT REALLY YOU?
YOU'RE SO BIG NOW!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE NOW.
WE DECIDED TO MOVE BACK.
YOU MOVED, TOO...! CHECKED!
DENMARK, SILLY!
WHEN DID YOU RETURN? YOU WENT TO BELLMARK FOR YOUR DAD'S JOB, RIGHT?
HANABI...
!
JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME.
YUP!
SO! WERE YOU STRONG?

REALLY.
OH! LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU!
MY BOYFRIEND, YASUAKI GARAKU.
YASU, MEET TAKERU SUNO.
TAKE DID A WHOLE LOT FOR ME ONCE.
WE WERE FRIENDS SINCE BIRTH.
GRASSSP

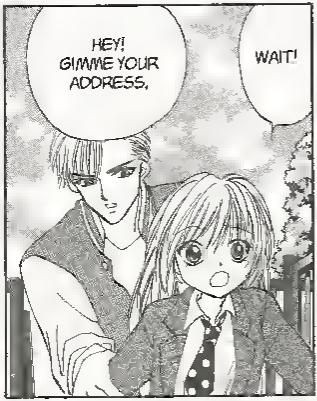

I PRACTICALLY RAISED HER...

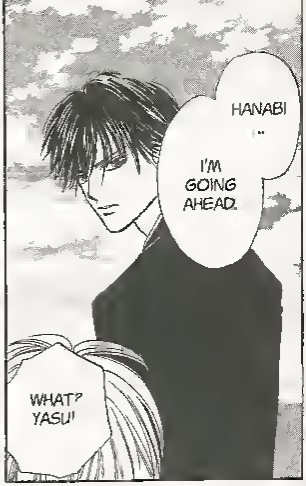
HUH?
SO...
..IS WHAT SHE MEANS.
YOUR POINT IS?

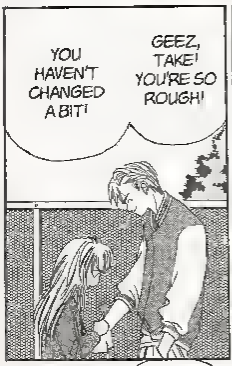
I PRACTICALLY RAISED HER..
...IS WHAT SHE MEANS.
HUH?
BAD VIBES, VERY BAD VIBES...

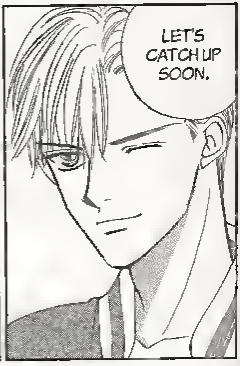
HMM...
!
SOCK!
TAKE!
NICE REFLEXES FOR A GIRLY GUY!
WELL!

MALE BONDING.
TAKE! WHAT WAS THAT?
GRRR-
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
HE HAS THAT LOVER-BOY VIBE, YA KNOW?
A BOYFRIEND'S GOTTA BE TOUGH!
OR ELSE HE CAN'T PROTECT YA.
STABBB

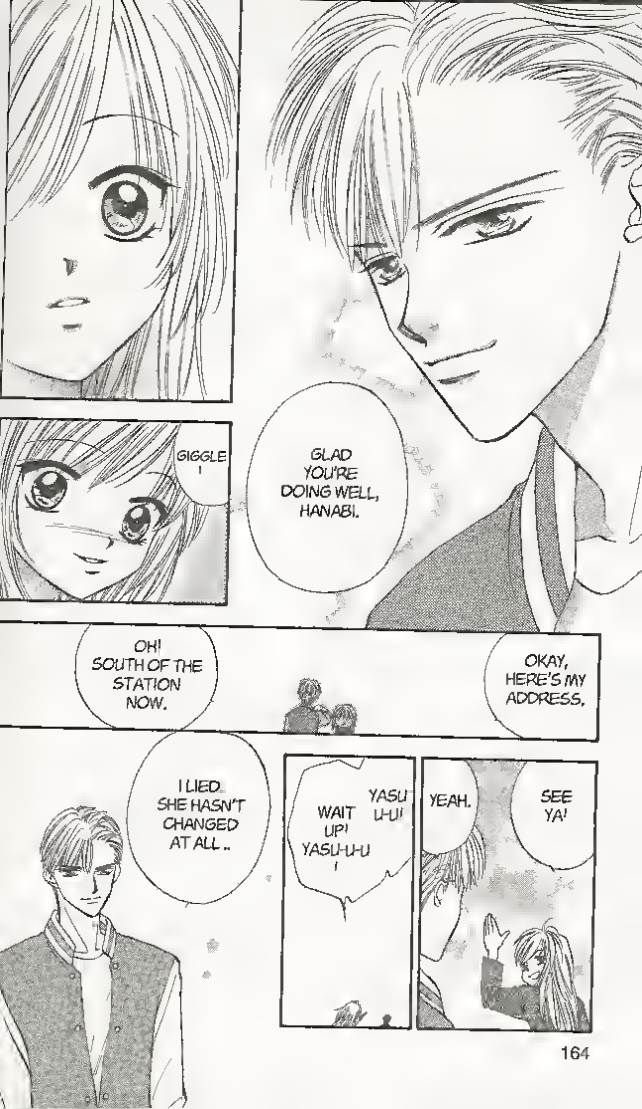








YOU *HAVE* CHANGED.


GIGGLE !
GLAD YOU'RE DOING WELL, HANABI.
OH! SOUTH OF THE STATION NOW.
OKAY, HERE'S MY ADDRESS.
I LIED. SHE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL..
WAIT UP! YASU-U-U !
YASU U-U!
YEAH.
SEE YA!

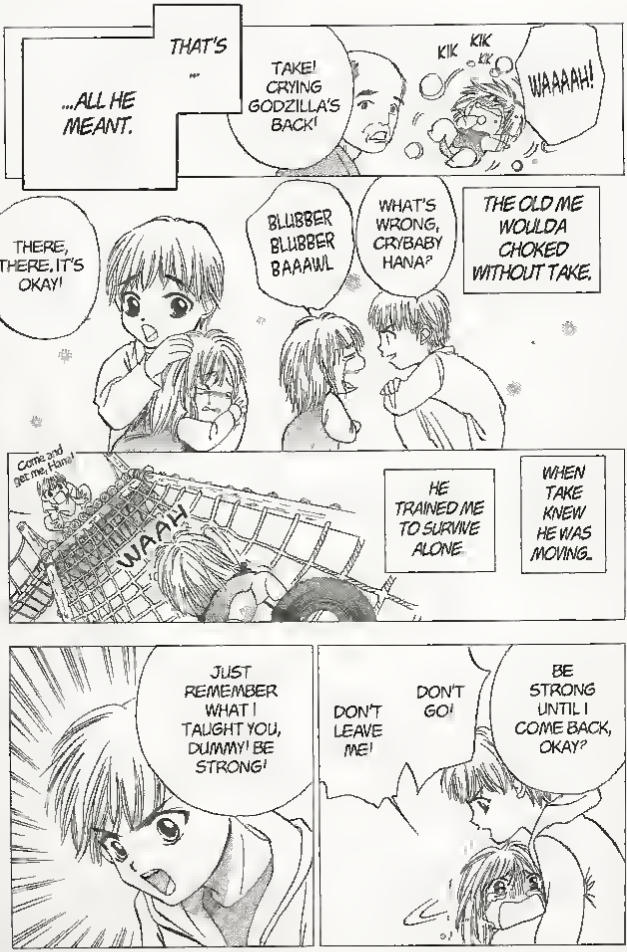
TRAINER

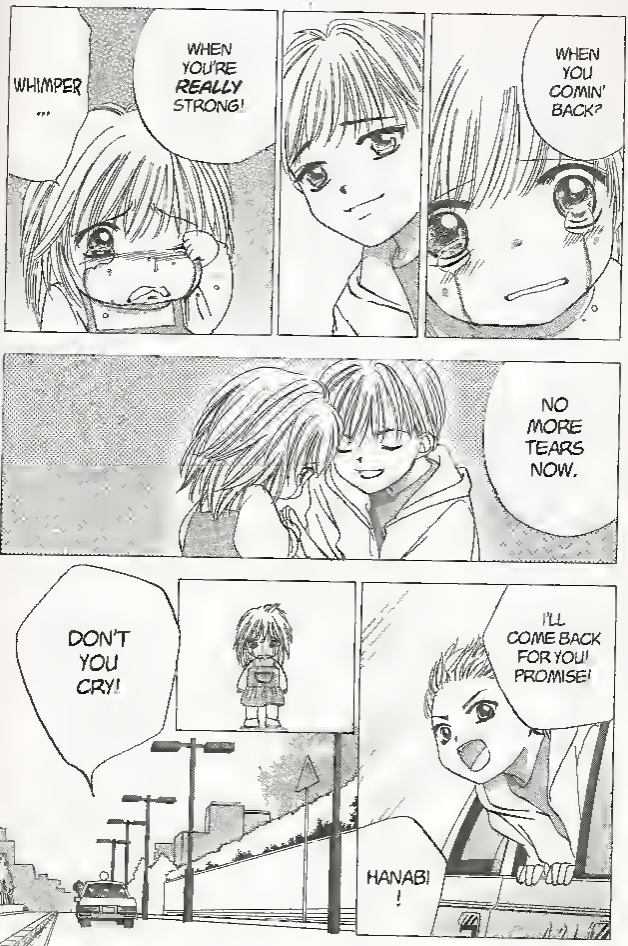
WHAT A BLAST FROM THE PAST!
HE'S WAY COOLER!
BUT I FEEL AWK-WARD.
TAKE'S BIG NOW, BUT HIS SMILE'S THE SAME.
THINKING ABOUT THE PAST FEELS YUCKY...
I COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM.

?
You changed already?
TODAY IS CUTE DAY!
SURFING, SURFING...
OKAY!
"PRACTICALLY RAISED YOU" MEAN?
WHAT DOES...
TAKE LOOKED AFTER ME ONCE.
HE MAKES IT SOUND SO SERIOUS...
UH, NO BIGGIE...
DROOOP

I WANNA TRY SOMETHIN' TODAY!
LET'S JUST GO SURFING.
DOES TAKE BOTHER YOU? HE SHOULDN'T.
WE WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, END OF STORY.
HM
..IS NOT WORTH TALKING ABOUT.
MY LIFE AS A LITTLE KID...
...
BUT YOU PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE ME..
SLUMP
I GET IT. YOU DON'T WANNA TELL ME.
OKAY, OKAY! I'LL TELL YOU!

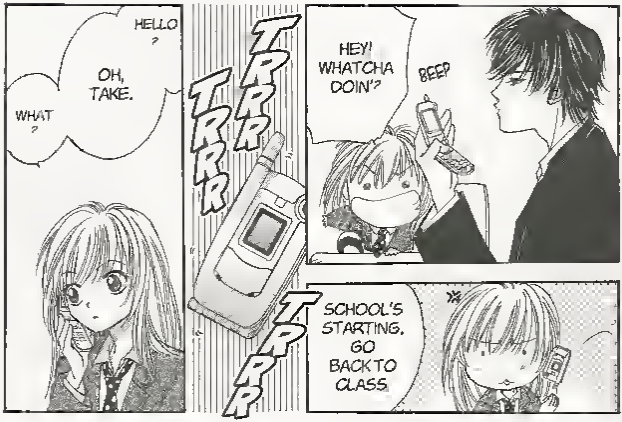
I...WAS A BIG OL' CRYBABY.
I WAS ALSO VERY SHY.
REALLY...
YEP! KIDS CALLED ME "CRYBABY HANA" OR "CRYING GODZILLA."
I NEVER STOPPED BAWLING AND WHINING.
WAAAAH
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
TAKE HELPED ME CHANGE ALL THAT.
THAT'S WHY HE SAYS HE RAISED ME.
THAT'S IT?

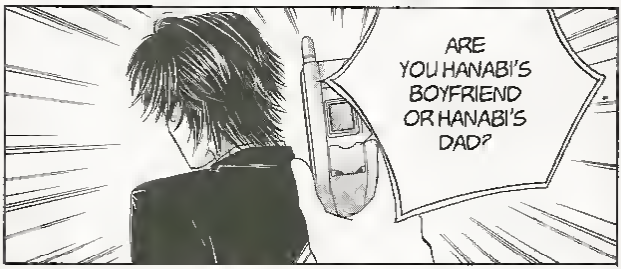

THAT'S ...
...ALL HE MEANT.
TAKE! CRYING GODZILLA'S BACK!
KIK KIK KIK
WAAAAH!
THERE, THERE, IT'S OKAY!
BLUBBER BLUBBER BAAAWL
WHAT'S WRONG, CRYBABY HANA?
THE OLD ME WOULDA CHOKED WITHOUT TAKE.
Come and get me, Hana!
WAAH
HE TRAINED ME TO SURVIVE ALONE.
WHEN TAKE KNEW HE WAS MOVING...
JUST REMEMBER WHAT I TAUGHT YOU, DUMMY! BE STRONG!
DON'T LEAVE ME!
DON'T GO!
BE STRONG UNTIL I COME BACK, OKAY?


WHIMPER ...
WHEN YOU'RE REALLY STRONG!
WHEN YOU COMIN' BACK?
NO MORE TEARS NOW.
DON'T YOU CRY!
I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU! PROMISE!
HANABI!

IT WAS REALLY HARD AFTER TAKE LEFT.
BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
HEE HEE
HEE! NOOOO! I CAN'T!

SOME CHILDHOOD FRIEND, HE'S BEEN GONE TEN YEARS
WHO'S HANABI GABBING WITH?
She's lovin it.
NO! I CAN'T SKIP SCHOOL TO SHOW YOU AROUND!
REALLY ?
OKAY?
CRUISE THE TOWN YOURSELF, DUDE!


HELLO ?
OH, TAKE.
WHAT ?
TRRR
TRRR
TRRR
HEY! WHATCHA DOIN'?
BEEP
SCHOOL'S STARTING. GO BACK TO CLASS.


ARE YOU HANABI'S BOYFRIEND OR HANABI'S DAD?

GRR
RRR

WHERE ARE YOU?
LET'S MEET BEFORE YOU SEE HANABI.
YOU GOT SOME GUTS, DUDE!
WANNA FIGHT?
STOP HITTIN' ON MY GIRL!
I'M HANGING UP, TAKE. DON'T MESS WITH MY BOYFRIEND!
WHY DO THEY HATE EACH OTHER?
NO, YASU!
YOU CAN'T FIGHT TAKE!
SHHH! IT'S GETTING GOOD
AUNTIE AUNTIE
AUNTIE
Or a girl named Takeko?
TAKE? HE'S A DUDE?

THAT'S CRAZY! HE'S MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
THEN DON'T TALK TO HIM.
THIS FIGHTING FREAKS ME OUT!
CHILL, YASU!
GUYS SHOULD NOT BE JEALOUS!
I NEVER DREAMED YOU'D ACT LIKE THIS!
YOU'RE ACTIN' STRANGE.
FALLIN' ALL OVER SOME NURSERY SCHOOL PAL!
GRRRR
I'M NOT JEALOUS.
DON'T KID YOURSELF!
I JUST DON'T LIKE HIM!
SLINK
GRRRR

REALLY.
TAKE IS SPECIAL.
GLOWER
I DON'T FALL ALL OVER JUST ANYBODY!
SO HE'S NOT JUST SOME GUY.
HE'S "SPECIAL."

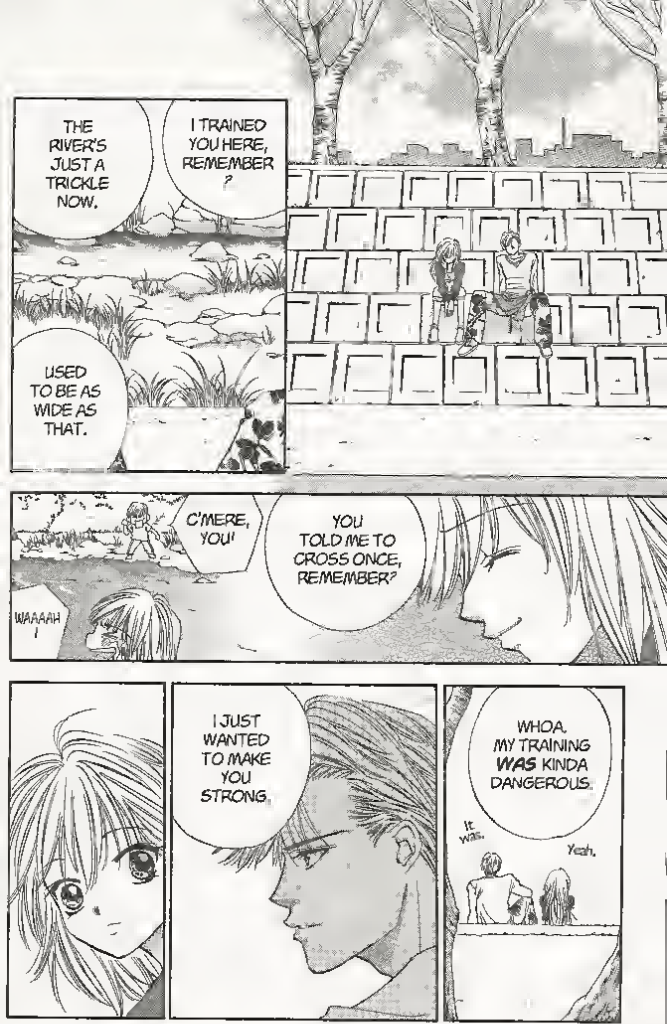
DON'T MIND ME. SHOW HIM WHATEVER.
MY BAD. DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS SPECIAL.
I'LL DO MY OWN THING, TOO—
—IF YOU'RE NOT AT THE BEACH.
DAMN YOU, YASU!
WHY DO YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT?

SHUSH
TAKE WILL BUST YOUR BONES! HE HAS A SHORT FUSE!
TSK!
DAMN!
DAMN!
THINK I'M IN THE WAY, HUH?
THAT'S SO OUT OF LINE!
DAMN!
WHAT'S WITH YASU?
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
YEAH! C'MON!
THUNK
SCURRY
SCURRY
Student council V.P.!
Sensei! It's a girl!
POW
WAAA
OWWW
SOCK

IS HANABI HERE?
HANABI OZORA ?
YOU FELT TRAPPED..
...WHEN I CAME TO THE BEACH, EH?
EEEEYAH
OWWWW
YOO-HOO! TAKE!
HANABI !
YOUR BOYFRIEND GIVE YOU PERMISSION?
WHY THE SUDDEN PHONE CALL?
DON'T NEED IT ! I'M THE BOSS OF ME!

TAKE ME SOME-PLACE THAT HASN'T.
HMM ...
EVERY-THING'S CHANGED SO MUCH.
WHERE TO FIRST ?
IT'S ALL GOOD. YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT ANYWAY!
Yep!
THAT'S FOR DAMN SURE!
Attagirl!
YOU GOT IT!
WOW.
IT FEELS SO STRANGE ...
.. TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN.

BUT I FEEL JUST LIKE BEFORE.
WE LOOK ALL GROWN UP...
GET 'EM!
POP POP POP POP POP POP
JUN JUN
Takoyaki
CAREFUL, IT'S HOT!
THIS FEELS... NICE.
HA HA HA! YOU HAVE NOT CHANGED!
HUH?
STILL A KID!
TOLD YA!
So stubborn
PTUI!
IT'S ...HHH... HOT!
POP


THE RIVER'S JUST A TRICKLE NOW.
I TRAINED YOU HERE, REMEMBER?
USED TO BE AS WIDE AS THAT.
C'MERE, YOU!
YOU TOLD ME TO CROSS ONCE, REMEMBER?
WAAAAH!
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE YOU STRONG.
WHOA. MY TRAINING **WAS** KINDA DANGEROUS.
It was.
Yeah.

ALL YOU DID WAS CRY.
FLUTTER
TAKE ...
IT WAS HARD TO LEAVE, HANABI.
I KNEW YOU COUNTED ON ME.
YOU WENT FROM NICE GUY TO DRILL SERGEANT!
SO THAT'S WHY...
UH, AFTER I MOVED ...
WERE YOU OKAY?
SO I USED MY TINY BRAIN, AND DECIDED TO TRAIN YOU.

WERE YOU OKAY ON YOUR OWN?
OMI-GOSH!
DON'T LOOK SO SERIOUS, TAKE!
I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE...
YEAH! I'LL THINK OF YASU...
I CAN'T CRY! I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL! I'M A TOUGH CHICK!
HE'LL THINK I'M STILL A BIG BABY.
YOU'LL MAKE ME CRY!
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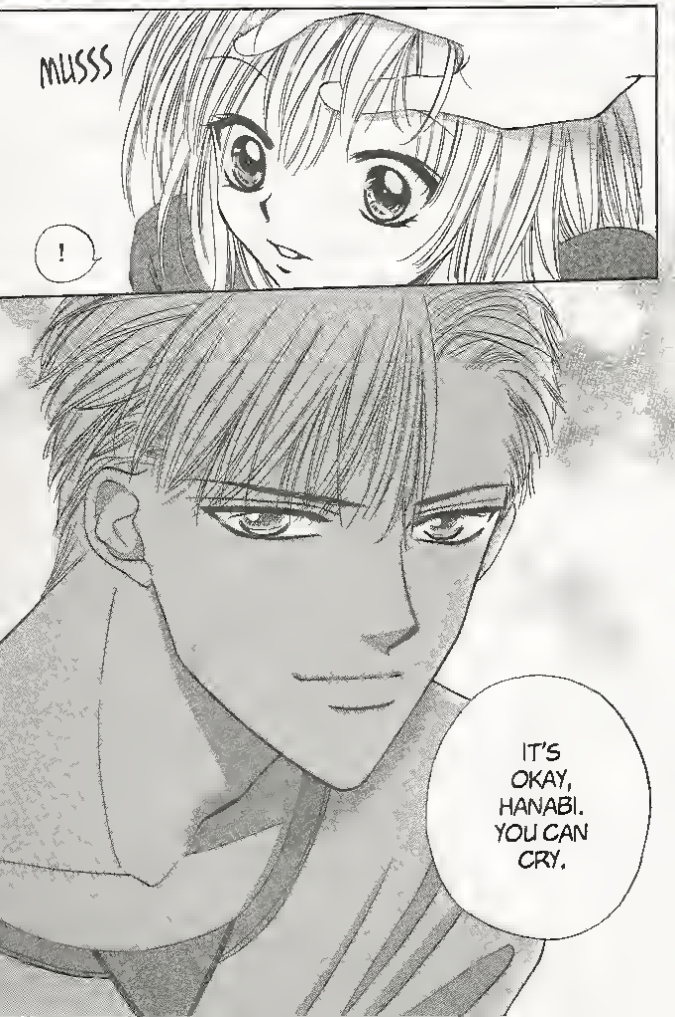
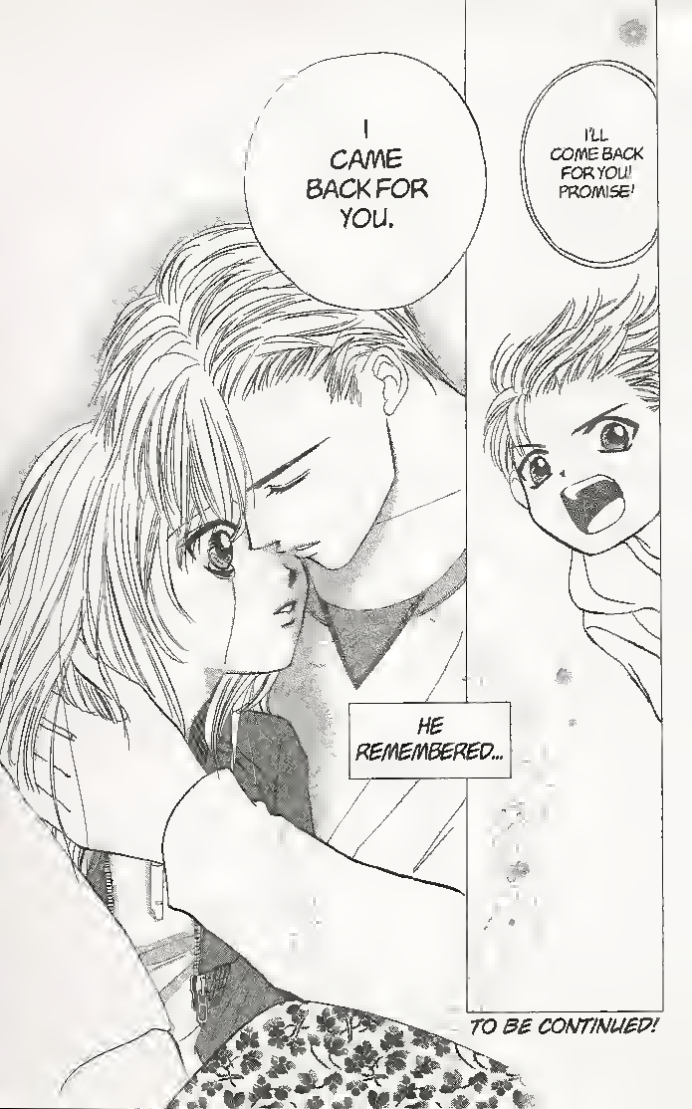

MUSSS
!
IT'S OKAY, HANABI. YOU CAN CRY.

TAKE...
I'M BACK NOW.
YOU CAN LEAN ON ME AGAIN.
REALLY ?
YOU CAN EVEN BE THE OLD HANABI.
BECAUSE ...


I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU! PROMISE!
I CAME BACK FOR YOU.
HE REMEMBERED...
TO BE CONTINUED!